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Sound hab its bn Yetur. — Óld Maksim.  
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## Preface.

**T**HE Publishers of this History owe it to themselves, as well as their Readers, to give a Word of Explanation regarding the Dress in which it appears. It was their first Impression that the Work would be nearly unintelligible in the Orthography of the original Manuscripts, and they had, therefore, considerable Hesitancy in complying with the Wishes of their respected Townsman, Mr. C. Cadmus, who insisted with some Warmth that, if printed at all, it should be without Alteration. He informs us that in the Country of which he writes, the Standard of Orthography has been fixed by a certain learned Society, having the Oversight of such Matters, and he scarcely feels at Liberty to deviate from the Mode of Spelling which they have established. We found after reading a few Pages of the Work, that it was not so difficult as it at first appeared. The chief Peculiarity seems to be the



accenting of the Vowels, a, e, i, o, u, to give them a long Sound, after the Manner of the ancient Saxons, who used the Accents in such Words as wráth, wéste (waste), frí. (free), flór (floor), rúm (room). We perceive, also, that c stands for ch, as it did among the Saxons, who wrote cild for child, hwilc for which. They likewise employed a single Character, a peculiar Kind of d, to represent the sound of th, and it is a curious Coincidence that a similar Letter is here used for the same Purpose. Perhaps we may find in these Circumstances a Clue to the Time and Place in History to which the Events here narrated belong. Mr. Cadmus does not inform us when or where he obtained the Documents used in compiling his Narrative; whether they are of remote Antiquity or recent Date, or what was the Language in which they were originally written. But from his Partiality for the Saxon Orthography, and from Resemblances, here and there, indicating Connection with the Language, Thought and Customs of our early Ancestors, we have a strong Suspicion that this singular Record pertains to some Branch of the Saxon Family, and that it is a Description of one of those terrific Contests for which that warlike Race has ever been famous. But on this Subject we would not speak positively. We merely throw out the Suggestion for the Consideration of the Reader, whom we leave to form his own Conclusions after he has completed the Volume.



## Magnus Mahárba.

### CAPTUR I

**A** smòl planet in  
wun ov æ stári klustorz on æ outur már-  
jin ov æ yúnivers woz æ sín ov æ transak-  
gunz rikorded in æ folóin péjez. Qé okurd  
about siks ȝouzand yírz aftur ȝat orb bigan tu bi  
pípld wia raȝunal intelijensez. Qi egzakt príud,  
akordiȝ tu ær rekniȝ, hwen æ Blak Dragun kom-  
enst hiz wor upon æ gud kiȝ Magnus Mahárba,  
woz A. M. v̇DCCCLXI. Nou A. M. iz ær abríviegun  
for Anno Manni, or Anno Mundi, signifaiȝ yír  
ov æ man-wurld. For æ inhabitants supóz ær  
wurld tu hav bin méd out ov æ rúinz ov sum formur  
wurld, juȝiȝ from æ riménz ov hidius reptilz, enor-  
mus frogz, lizardz, dragunz and uȝur monsturz hwic  
æé hav found imbeded in æ roks, swomps and  
alâvial dipozits. Qer ár at prezent on æ planet  
a klas ov monoméniaks, kòld jioloȝists, hú spend

æðr laivz in digiŋ up and asortiŋ æðz disagriabl krícurz, and kalkúlétin æ pírindz ov antikwiti in hwic æé respektivli fluriçt. For ai amúzmēt ov yuŋ pípl, æðz émiabl enaúziasts publiç kúrius buks fild wið outlandiç pikcurz ov æ vérius goblin formz aat kròld, krept, swam or sórd, amunst æ konfúzd and woriŋ elements, in æ fogi dòn ov kriégun.

Hweaur æ Blak Dragon woz wun ov ai orijinal prihúman inhabitants, hú bæi a rimárkabl tenasiti ov laif had survaid æ revolúgunz aat swept òl ai uaur praimíval okúpants intu kéos, or hweaur hí woz a muçrúm produkçun ov létur dēt hwic it wud bí rait tu eksterminét, woz a point muc disputed. Æe móst lerned men wer divaided; but a majoriti ov æ løyurz and spiricual doktorz wer ov opinyun aat æ Blak Dragon bilonð tu æ primitiv formégunz; or aat hí woz at líst kóival in hiz orijin wið man, and çud bí trited wið dū respekt az a gud krícur ov God, and a joint propraiitur ov æ planetari domén.

Æe glób of hwic ai rait, notwiastandiŋ its infiririti in saiz, woz wun ov æ móst bútiful in æ hól surkl ov æ hevnz. Its soil woz ric, its frúts diliçus, its flourz ekskwizitli téstful, and its èrz redolent wið purfám. But æ men wer ov a bad rés; selfiç, paçunet, kworelsum, and wurçipurz ov a grét numbur ov aidul godz. It has bin aserted aat ær nécur, sun aftur it kém from æ handz ov æ Kriétur, risívd a tént from æ brea ov a snéki aparíçun aat insinyuéted itself intu ai árbur ov æ forst pèr, and húz poizn haz kontaminéted òl ær ofspriŋ.

Lerned skolurz and antikwérianz, hú hav auroli investigéted æ subjekt, ænþ ær kan bí nó dout aat æ Blak Dragun iz a direkt disendant ov aat veri óld serpent hú injekted hiz dedli venum intu æ vénz ov ær progeniturz.

Ɔi orb on hwic man and æ Dragun dwelt had tú lárj ailandz, wun on íaur said, hwic wer kòld, in æ langwey ov aat sfír, æ Grét Órient. and æ Grét Oksident. Ɔèr wer ólsó veri waid ógunz bi-twín æm. And æ Grét Órient woz æ lárjur ov æ tú ailandz, for it ekstended lenawaiz kwait akros wun said ov æ planet, and its norawesturn and souawesturn ekstremitiz, kòld Nora and Kuça street fár out intu æ sí. Dûriþ æ furst faiv æou-zand yírz ov man, æ Grét Oksident woz skèrslí nón tu æ dwelurz in æi Órient, and ívn æ dim tradiçun aat suc an ailand egzisted woz at lena forgotn. But wuns upon a taim an advencurus sí-kaptin, némd Kristofur, sèliþ westwurd, canst tu diskuvur it. He found it pípld bai strénj résez, hú wer sízd wia terur at hiz apróc, ænþiþ æ nú kumurz had disended from æ skaiz. Hwen Kristofur riturnd tu hiz ón kuntri, and diskraibd æ búti ov æ land hí had found, and tóld ov æ góld and silvur and daimundz wia hwic it abounded, æ ripórt kwikli spred arú sitiz and provinsez, and òl æ pípl wer fild wia wundur. And æé bigan tu kum out in swarmz, laik bíz from a hundred haivz, sinkiþ tu betur ær kondiçun bai rimúviþ tu a kuntri aat woz só ric. And æé pórd óvur in çips and galiz, and tuk pozoçun ov æ Grét Oksident, es-

tabliçin ær koloniz in æ soua, and in æ noru, and in æ sentur.

Mínhwail æ Blak Dragon, bai sum daiabolikal instinkt, pursívd æ gróin grétnes ov æ yun koloniz in æ land ov góld, and hí sed tu himself, Çal æ rés ov man enjoi ais nû paradais alón, and ai hav nó párt æerin? Só hí formd hiz plan, and on ai ívni ov a stormi dé hí mounted a hwurlwind, and daçt of upon æ woturz, puflin and snortin laik a stím-enjin. And hí had sevural çips aat akumpanid him, tu suplai him wia fúd and nesesariz dūrin hiz voiej. Dé aftur dé hí swept on, nou sórin aloft óvur æ mountin wévz, nou plunjin bína æ surfes and çutin arú æ blú woturz laik a Norwſjian kréken. Mermen and mermédz, hwélz, sí-serpents and ðl æ fini traibz çrunk from hiz apróc, and hid æemselvz in ær óçun kavurnz hwail hí past bai. About a munu had ilapst, hwen in æ dúbivs lait ov a misti mornin hiz dárk skéli form woz diskraid ímerjin from æ wévz and kròlin up on æ sandi bíc ov ai Oksident. Çær hí langwidli róld himself about, survéin wia blóted and fairi aiz æ ríjun around, and kwaietli divourin evuri aijn aat kém in hiz wé. It woz afturwurdz diskuvurd aat on æ botum ov ai óçun, ðl aloç æ lain ov hiz trak, æer woz paild up a grét haiwé ov hwaitnd bónz, æ skeletunz ov húman viktimz aat had bin kild and ítn bai him on hiz pasej from wun ailand tu ai uaur.

Nó sunur woz æ Blak Dragon fèrli setld upon ai Oksident kóst aan hí bigan tu gaaur around

him grét numburz ov pípl, hím hí alárd wia æe promis ov vast ricez, íz from lébur, and joint dominyun ovòl aat pórçun ov æe grét ailand hwic woz kòld Sunland. Gíz frendz and alaiz ov hiz wer kòld Dragónianz, aftar æe ném ov àer patrún. Bai àer asistans hí fited out swift çips and sent æem akros ci óçun tu æe land ov æe Kuçanz, àer tu bai, stíl and kapcur stroṇ men and yuṇ wimin, helai boiz and fèr damzelz, and briṇ æem óvur tu bikum mínialz and helots, and tu til æe fildz, and tu priper soft and delikat rément for himself and hiz servants. And æe kuntri bikém ful ov pípl, and æe nóblz grú welai and proud, laik æe lordz ov æe óld kinðums hwens aé kém.

Nou æer wer but fû lòz in Sunland, and nun wer kònsidurd absolùtli bairidin eksept æe lòz for holdin fast æe Kuçanz and kilin of a sutficent numbur ov æem evuri yír tu fid æe Blak Dragon. For æe Dragon woz a voréçus ítur, olbút hí woz veri dénti, and did not reliç æe fleç ov hiz viktimz unles it had bin wel brúzd and flajeléted tu mék it tendur and sévuri. Æe Dragónianz undurstandin ais, komenst æe manglin ov æe yuṇ Kuçanz at a veri erli éj, and bai a sló proses ov torcur méd àer fleç eksidinli delikat and palatabl. It woz a grét árt tu faind out hou best tu prolon æe laivz ov aíz unhapi krícurz hwail undurgóin æe rigurus trítment tu hwic aé wer subjekted. Æe Dragon had a profeçunal klas, kòld Óvurlukurz, hú méd aat studj àer speçal biznez. Tu gratifai àer prins aé invent-ed meni kúrius enjinz for lasurétiṇ and manglin æe

fleg ov æ helots; and daivurz aiurn riņs and feturz ov aiurn; olsó stoks for ær handz and fit, and gagz ov aiurn for ær mouaz; and wundurful burn-iņ mikseurz tu pór upon ær bodiz aftur kutiņ and tæriņ æ skin wiā hwips and sòz and purforéted wudn mòlz.

Cis foul monstur olsó praktist æ horibl rait ov misijenégun; for hwenevur hí sò amuņ æ Kuçanz eni bûtiful yuņ wimin, hweaur waivz or médnz, hí ordurd æm tu bí bròt bifór him and æ wer fórst tu bikum hiz waivz, for æ ná at if æ gud opóz hiz wigez hí wud tèr æm lim from lim

Æ Blak Dragon, notwistandiņ hiz brútiç diformitiz, woz a grét févurit wiā pípl ov welā and façun. Hí kept a magnifiscent kórt, and had a splendid retinú. Hiz servants praktist a grét varaiiti ov arts tu rendur hiz apírans kumli. Hiz hornz wer konsíld bai æ kroun and júelz wiā hwio hí woz ornamented. Hiz fés woz símiņli hûman, eksept hwen hí atemted tu smail, and æn hiz griniņ and misçepn tíā gév suc a savej ekspreçun tu hiz kountenans at hiz frendz and admairurz wud frikwentli stárt bak wiā terur. Hiz hûj and skéli karkas woz envelopt in róbz ov velvet and silk; and az hí sat upon hiz ebuñ arón, hiz atendants, wiā ær çói trénz, wer rénjd around him in suc a wé az tu haid hiz loņ tél from æ vû ov viziturz. Fèr lédiz and galant naits aronð hiz pales, and wer loud in préz ov æ glóri and grétnes ov ær prins, hú æ imajind wud wun dé bikum æ rúlor ov æ wurd.



## CAPTUR II.

**R**ISAIDZ æ Blak Dragun ær wer uaur lonjivianz hú did not bilon tu æ rés ov men, and húz laivz wer not limited, laik æerz, tu a hundred revolûgunz ov æ planet, but hú riménd éj aftur éj, and egzerted a pourful inflûens on pasiñ jenurégunz. In æ kom-un daialekt ov ai inhabitants aíz óld rezidents wer kòld bai suc némz az símd móst ekspresiv ov ær rispektiv karakturz. Wun ov æem, a riþklð and ripulsiv antedilûvian, woz kòld Tirani; anuaur, a fímél, ov sumhwot maildur kountenans and mór polait dimínur, woz nón az Monárkia; and ær woz a waild krézi bakanal, wurs æan Tirani himself, hú went bai æ ném ov Anárkia.

Hwail sum ov aíz lonjivianz wer malevolent bññz, ai ofspriñ ov ai infernalz, hú dilaited ónli in mizuri and rúin, uaurz wer ov silescal burz, and ðl ær interkórs wiæ mortalz woz kaind and hapi; æé apírd tu hav nó dizaír but tu briñ bak mankaind tu ær orijinal trúg and vureu. Æer wer olsó on æ sému planet jaiants, or demigodz, hú partuk ov bóu nécurz, æ silescal and æ mortal; kombainiñ æ pour and inflûens ov æ wun wiæ ai infurmitiz and erurz ov ai uaur.



It woz sevural hundred yírz aftur æ taim ov Kristofur aat a yun jaiant bai æ ném ov Samuñkl bigan tu bí fémus in æ kuntri ov ai Oksidentalz. He woz ov silescal pérenteþ, búñ a disendant ov Friga, æ godes ov liburti. Hiz eldest dötur, Fridíma, woz a lovli krícur, húz ekstrordinari búti, ívn in infansi, encanted ðl bihóldurz. Az gí grú up, hur fém spred arú ai ailand, and akros æ sí, and tu æ móst distant landz. And æ Blak Dragun fikst hiz aiz upon hur, and hwen hí sò hur búti hí ditermind tu mék hur hiz braid.

Samuñkl woz æ móst ekstensiv landhóldur on æ westurn ailand, and hí fainali bikém æ pozesur ov ðl aóz ric trakts nón az æ Yunaited Oksident. In ordur tu enkureþ lébururz tu setl on hiz landz hí aloud æ kultivéturz tu okúpai æm wiout rent, su-pórþiñ himself on æ prinsli revenúþ aat hí woz ébl tu akúmulét bai tréd wið foren négunz. It woz undurstud, houeþur, aat in kés ov wor, or uður im-erjensi, ai okúpants ov æ soil çud bèr æ nesesari burdnz ov æ kuntri.

But æ kiñz in sum ov æ Noran kuntriz wei displízd at æ liburaliti ov Samuñkl. For æé sed, It iz not gud aat æ pípl çud bí rilívd from aér rents; ais egzampl wil wurk miscif, and wil spred diskontent amuñ our subjekts. And æ kiñ ov Bulia spék tu Monárkia, æ godes húm hí wurçipt, and gí béd him send óvur and kolekt æ rents him-self. For, sed gí, aóz pípl went out from yúr ón kiñdum, and ærfór æé ár yúr subjekts stil. Só h sent óvur hiz mesenjurz and hiz taksgaaururz, az çí

advaizd him. But æe pípl rifüzd æer dimandz and diklêrd æe wud pé nó rent, trihyut or kustum tu æe kíñ ov æe Bulianz. Æen hí sent óvur hiz árnuiz tu kontend wia æem in batl and tu vañkwig and subdû æem. But æe met wia dizastur and kud not akompliç æe kíñz dizair.

And Samuñkl sumund æe cífs and hedz ov æe pípl tu a grét kounsíl. And æe óbéd æe kòl and hésted and kém tugeaur in ful numburz, and sat in kounsíl meni déz. And æe sed, Wí wil kast of æe kíñz yók, and mék us kíñz ov our ón; and Mon-árkia çal bí dipózd from hur kwínli digniti arúout æi entair Oksident; and in hur sted wí wil cúz æe jentl Fridíma and kroun hur purpecual kwín, and çí çal bí æe godes around húz traikulurd banur wí wil rali our worryurz. Só æe komûnd wia hur fáaur, and apointed a dé hwen hí çud briñ hur out tu æem, æat æe mait dú hur homej. And on æe fóru dé ov æe munr ov Július çí kém bifór æem wia bluçíñ kountenans and líniñ on hur fáaurz árm; and æe kround hur wia a góldn kroun, and led hur fóru bifór òl æe pípl, and æe pípl çouted and klappt æer handz, and kraid, Fridíma forever! And æe kounsíl ordénd æat æi anivursari ev æat dé çud evur aftur bí kept az a holidé, and bí kòld koronéçun dé; and æat òl æer kíñz çud ték an óu tu protekt, dífend and prizerv æi onur and súpremasi ov Fridíma, and æat húevur konspaird agenst hur çud sufur dea.

But alas! æi our ov traíumf iz ofn æi our ov peril, and æis æe jentl Fridíma afturwurdz lernd tu hur soró. In æe kounsíl æat çód hur aíz onurz æer

wer mesenjurz from Sunland, hú wer Dragónianz, but aé méd nó klém in biháf ov aèr prins aat hí gud gèr in æ guvurnment ov æ kuntri. On aèr riturn hóm æ Dragun cid æm bikòz aé had bin unmaindful ov hiz inturests and had not ívn men-gund hiz ném. Só hwen æ nekst grét kounsíl woz kòld hí konklûded tu prízent himself, aloŋ wia hiz delegéts, and klém hiz sít az wun ov æ cíf pro praitari lordz and raitful okûpants ov æ westurn ailand. But æ Normen wer lóa tu admit him tu a koursil ov húmanz; aé, houeuvr, aloud him tu spík and prízent hiz klémz. Hí ofurd tu join wia æm in formiŋ a grand líg and kuvenant, and tu plés òl hiz fórzez wia aóz ov Samuŋkl, at æ disposal ov æ kiŋz hú gud bí còzen tu rúl æ kuntri, for mûcual protekŋun and difens. But hí wud konsent tu a yúnyun ónli on sertin kondiŋunz. Cí objekt ov æ waili óld dímun woz tu obtén pozeŋun ov Fridíma. Hí propózd aat íf aé wud giv hur tu him in marij, hí wud divórs hiz formur spouz Monárkia, tu húm hí had bin só loŋ yunaited in aí óriental kiŋdumz, and Fridíma gud bí hiz lígali and onurabli weded waif, só loŋ az rivurz ran or óŋun róld. Aftur aís aé had loŋ konsultéŋunz and muc dibét, bifór aé kud frémm æ grét kuvenant hwic woz tu bí æ pur-pecual lò ov æ relm. Cæ Dragónianz dizaird aat it gud kontén an akt ov bitroæl baindiŋ aèr mástur and Fridíma in purpecual bondz. Samuŋkl and æ Normen wer çokt at aís propózal; and yet aé wer só dizairus ov æ Dragunz asistans in aèr worz agenst Monárkia aat aé did not ðer tu sé né. Cæ

ærfór aloud æ kuvenant tu bí ritn obskúrli, só az tu bí kéþabl ov difurent inturpretégunz; and tu æis dé æ míniþ ov sum párts iz dispúted. It apírz, houeður, tu hav bin jenurali admited æat æi instrument gév æ Blak Dragun a rait tu partisipét in æ guvurnment, and æat æ frémurz kontempléted a yúnyun bitwín him and Fridíma. Æé probabli hópt æat hí wud cénj hiz nécur, or at líst hiz habits, az wun ov æi ártíklz provided æat hí gud, áftur a çort períud, diskontínju hiz trafik wíæ æ Kuçan-selurz and briþ nó mór unhapi viktimz akros æ woturz.

Hou it hapnd æat æ çrúd Samuþkl gud hav gívn hiz konsent tu æis unacural alaians haz evur bin a misturi. Bai sum it iz sed æat hí did not undurstand æ nécur and impórt ov æ kuvenant formd; bai ucurz æat hí must hav bin párgali insén, or purhaps stúpífaid wíæ intoksikétíþ drugz; ucurz stíl mentén æat hí woz braíbd bai æ grét advantejez tu bí díraívd from a líg wíæ æ Dragun. Houeður æis mé bí, it iz plén hí woz nevur hártíli in févur ov æi alaians; and az taim róld on, æ prospekt ov gíviþ up hiz dòtur tu æi embrés ov a monstur só préd upon hiz spiríts æat hiz brou woz furód wíæ prímatúr ríþklz. Az for æ caíld, çí wud stárt wíæ horur hweneður æ kontempléted yúnyun woz alúded tu, and beríiþ hur fés in hur handz ímídietli ruç out ov saít.



### CAPTUR IIL

**F**RIDÍMA, bññ ov æ lonjívian rés, did not gró up tu wumanhud rapidli laik mortalz. Hur yúa ekstended arú æ rénz ov sevural ov ai erli kinz, wia húm çí woz a grét févurit. Cíé wer kèrful tu mék nó alájun tu hur unhapi bitroesal, probabli hópiñ aat æ Dragun wud dai bifór æ nupçalz çud bí konsuméted. Anyuali, on koronégun dé, æ damzel wia hur médnz drest in hwait apírd bifór æ pípl and máret tu æ templ ov liburti, amid ai aklamégunz ov æ multitúdz, hú stród hur pæ wia rózez, and húz admirégun ov hur luvíñ nécur and jentl dispoziçun had nó boundz.

But ais holidé woz an ofens tu æ Blak Dragun, hú, az oft az it riturnd, sat múdi and unsóçal in hiz pales, meditétíñ on æ mínz bai hwio hí mait briñ hiz fúcur braid intu propur subjekçun, and puniç æ Fridónianz hú wer fosturiñ hur vaniti bai ær prézez, and hú, hí çrúdlí suspekted, wer bent on brékiñ up æ mac and snaciñ from hiz pozeçun ai objekt ov hiz dizair.

Cæ Dragun woz akustumd tu noc evuri koronégun dé upon hiz spír-handl. Aftur hí had méd haf a hundred nocez hí bigan tu trj upon æ réniñ

kiñ hiz klém for Fridíma, dimandiñ aat gí gud at líst bí plést undur rístrént, and insted ov wonduriñ about at hur plejur, bí komited tu æ gárdian-gíp ov tâturz hú wud trén hur tu dosiliti and submiçun, and wud tíe hur, abuv òl eiñz els, aat æ Blak Dragon woz tu bí hur mástur. Æe kiñ hú guvurnd at aat taim wud not lisn tu æ propózal; but hiz rén woz çort, and æ kiñz hú folód him wer mór févurabl tu æ Dragon, and promist him aat hí gud hav òl hí askt. Æen æ skéli óld monstur, faindiñ aat hí had æ kiñz upon hiz said, bigan tu gó out mór and mór ov hiz dítestabl nécur. Hí kom-enst mékiñ okéjunal vizits tu æ hous ov Samuñkl, fraitniñ púr Fridíma olmóst tu distrakçun, aiñ hur wiæ a maliçus lír and góíñ hur hiz horid tíæ. On wun or tú okéjunz hí sizd hur bai æ hèr ov hur hed, and wud hav dragd hur of tu hiz ón hóm wiçout mersi, but for æ outkrai rézd bai æ néburz and tounzfók, hú luvd Fridíma az æ luvd æer ón laivz.

And nou æ Dragon turnd hiz venjens upon æíz kaird-hárted pípl; for hwen eni ov æem vencurd wiçin hiz boundariz hí wud kòz æem tu bí aprihended and plést upon æ rak, in ordur tu asurtén hwæur æé had eni akwéntans wiæ Fridíma; and if æé bitréð æ líst simpai wiæ hur or hur frendz, æ torcur woz kontinyud until æé daid. Sumtaimz æé wer plunjd undur wotur and held æer until háf sufokéted, æen rézd and plunjd agen, and æis ripít-ed só az tu mék æem sufur æ pañz ov a duzn deas; sumtaimz æé wer konfaind in lóðsum dun-

junz til aé wésted awé wia hungur and dizíz; but æ févurit mód of distroiñ æm woz bai hañiñ æm up kwaletli on æ nírest trí. Cís hañiñ ov æ Fridónianz went on until òl Sunland woz fild wia æ horibl and pestilençal stenc ov díkéiñ korpsez. Travelurz, hwen aé sò æ bodiz suspended upon tríz aloñ æ ródsaid, wud ofn turn bak, rizolviñ nevur tu atemt a jurni tu aat kuntri agen. But æ Dragun woz wel plízd at æ slòtur ov æ Fridónians, and hí snuft up æ fítid èr az if it wer æ swít smeliñ ódur ov a burnt sakrifais. Hí ol-só tóld hiz ministurz praivetli aat hwen hí had bròt hóm hiz noræurn braid hí wud ték hur out déli in hiz karij tu vû hur jibeted frendz, and hí wud let hur nó aat if çí méd eni rimonstrans çí gud çèr æ sém fét.

Ripórts ov aíz horurz ríet ai írz ov Fridíma, and méd hur kliñ æ klósur tu hur noræurn hóm. Sevural Kuçan wimin hû had esképt æ torcurz ov æ Blak Dragun found ær wé tu hur fáaurz hous, briñiñ ær infants wia æm. From æm çí lernt æ hól stóri ov æ Blak Dragunz krúeltiz. Hur tendur hárt woz redi tu burst, and çí klaspt æ litl Kuçan bébz tu hur búzum, çouríñ upon æm tírz and kisez. Çí propózd tu hur fáaur aat hí çud stárt on a krúséd agenst æ Blak Dragun, storm hiz kasl, and kil him if nesesari for æ res-kû ov æ kaptivz. Yur and deliket az çí woz, çí ofurd to akumpani him on ais despuret ekspedí-çun. But hur fáaur caided hur for hur forwurdnes, and tóld hur aat çí wud not ónli bríñ hurself

intu trubl but him alsó; aat æ Blak Dragon woz æ móst pourful prins in æ land, and nekst tu æ kiṅ himself. Hí tóld hur olsó aat hí woz olredi in fír ov hiz laif, bikòz hí had not givn hur in marij hwen dimanded. Æen Fridíma tremblð from hed tu fut, and hur cíks and lips grú hwait wia suprest ímógun; for gí sò aat hur fáaur, wia ðl hiz pour and grétnes, had nó streng or kurej tu rezist eni dimand hwic æ Blak Dragon mait mék, and aat hí wud probabli, if drivn tu ekstremiti, sakrifaiz ívn a dòtur tu sév hiz ón laif. Só gí síst tu urj him, but mentali rizolvð aat hwotevur mait hapn gí wud kast hur lot wia æ púr Kuçans, and aat æé çud hensfóru bí hur pípl.

Æe frends and néburz nou gód æer stroṅ simpaæi for Fridíma, and sum ov æem bóldli "pronounst it a çém aat æ grét Samuṅkl çud akt só kouardli a párt. But æ góld-wurçipurz, and æ waiz men ov æ lò, and æ sól-dokturz on húz jujment hí rilaid, advaizð him tu bí kòçus, and ende vur tu ristrén hiz impeçus cailð, and on nó akount alou eni mór Kuçanz tu entur hiz hous. Faindiṅ hiz dòtur fikst in hur purpus, hí bigan tu gró mór and mór unízi, for hí woz rizolvð not tu giv hur up agenst hur wil. Hí æerfór divaizð vérius ekspídients tu sikrit and protekt hur; but æ kiṅ ov ai Oksident and æ grét jujez ov æ kiṅdum, hú wer in akord wia æ Dragon, disaided aat æ prinses must bí givn up, akordiṅ tu æ bond ov bitroaal hwich hur fáaur had konfest aat hí saind. It woz not loṅ bifór núz kém aat mes-



enjurz from æ Blak Dragun wer olredi on ær wé tu sikúr Fridíma and konvé hur tu æ abód ov hur aknolejd mástur. Hur fáaur had nou nó risórs left but tu send hur awé skretli. Wia a hevi hárt hí kòld hiz famili tugeaur for a hésti fèrwel, and tóld hiz wípiṇ dötur aat hí kud protekt hur nó longur; aat ḡí must nou flai for hur laif, aróṇ hurself on æ providens ov God and suc asistans az æ kaind-hárted pípl mait rendur hur bai æ wé. Só hwen æé had ðl embrést and kist hur, and had put intu hur handz a fû nesesariz for hur jurni, ḡí stárted fóra on hur perilus pilgrimej, trustiṇ in a wocful providens tu gaid hur wé, but wia hárt palpitétṇ at evuri step, for fír ai emisariz ov æ Dragun mait bí upon hur trak.

Æ mesenjurz, féliṇ tu diskuvur hur ritr't, nou riturnd hóm and riléted tu æ Dragun ðl ær advencurz, and æ manur in hwic Fridíma had esképt. Hí woz fûrius in hiz réj at æ médn for hur obstinasi; and æ informéḡun aat ḡí had bin abandund bai hur nacural protektur, and had nó hóm but æ kévz and æ forests, símd tu furniḡ him æ stimûlus ov a nû aktiviti for æ aprihengun ov hiz viktim. Hí fórawia diturmind tu sere evuri nuk and kornur hwèr æ pantiṇ fûjitiv mait hav found ḡeltur. Só kòliṇ tugeaur æ lordz and lédiz ov hiz kórt, hiz fairi aibòlz ðl æ hwail glóṇ wia eksaitment, hí swór a damnabl óḡ aat sins Fridíma had diliburetli and skornfuli rijekted him, hí olsó diskárded and rijekted hur, but wud hav hiz wil upon hur, and wud put hur tu æ hárdest

mínial lébur, until hur plump and rózi form gud bí wésted tu æ veri bónz; and æen for a wornin hí wud aró out hur skeletun tu hwaitn in æ ópn fíld, alon wia æ kárkasez ov æ Kuçanz and Fridónianz aat wer rotiñ in æ sun and blíciñ in æ dûz and rén. A klangur ov aplòz, laik æ círz ov pandimónium, ran arú æ pales hòl az hí uturd ais horid óa.

And nou komenst æ grand hunt for ai inosent and haples Fridíma. A souzand horsmen mounted upon flit stídz, wia bludhoundz in æer trén, wer stárted of tu skour æ mountinz and vélz ov Norland. Grú sumur and wintur, in spríntaim and hárvest, æ tramp ov æer stídz and æ houliñ ov æer dogz sent terur tu æ hárts ov æ písful inhabitants. Fridíma woz nevr séf, só æ kaind pezants did òl æé kud tu protekt hur. But gí aot not ov hurself alón. Déli and naitli gí sòt out æ púr Kuçanz hú wer flíiñ from æer tormenturz, di-rektiñ æem tu æ houzez and vilejez hwèr gí had bin bifrended, and kèrfuli pointiñ out tu æem æ pólar stár, bai folóiñ hwio æé wud ríe Snóland, a biturli kóld kuntri, inaksesibl tu æ Kuçan-hunturz.





#### CAPTUR IV.

**T**RAVELIN arú æ waildz ov Norland, hur tendur limz ekspózd tu æ snóz ov wintur and æ rénz ov sumur, ofn wiæout a çeltur in æ sivírest stormz, it woz ekspekted æat æ frél Fridíma, if not kapeurd bai hur enemiz, wud at leŋa sink undur æ hárdçips çí had tu endár. But tu æi amézment ov ðl, æ mór sivír hur ekspójur and sufur-iŋz, æ strongur and helgiur çí grú, and só luvli in form and fieur æat æ pípl ðl bilívd hur a godes endoud wiæ imortaliti. Meni olsó, híriŋ hur nóbl wurdz in bihaf ov æ dispaízd Kuçanz, diklêrd æemselvz redi tu foló hur, ívn tu æ Dragunz kasl, for æ purpus ov reskúŋ hiz mizurabl kaptivz.

Æ Dragónianz, sŋŋ hou æ prinses had génd æi afekçunz ov æ multítûdz, aplaid tu æ kiŋ for a lò tu puniç wiæ ðea ðl hú çud hárbur or konsíl hur. Æen æ kiŋ bròt æ matur bifór æ grét kounsíl, and it woz agríd æat æ hól kuntri çud join in æ sere aftur Fridíma, and húevur rifúzd tu point out hur haidiŋ plésez, or tu asist in aprihendiŋ hur, çud bí sivírli puniçt.

Qí woz nou ridúst tu æ grétest stréts; òl tírd tu giv hur a naits lojiṇ or a krum ov bred. In hur ekstremeti qí wondurd fár out intu æ grét wildurnes ov æ west, and faindiṇ a log kabin sat doun bifór it in a stét ov komplít egzhòscun. It woz okûpaid bai an óld man húz ném woz Osami, æ fáaur ov siks sunz. Hí woz ov a stern kountenans and had a ruf grizli bírd, and hwen hí kém out tu ask Fridíma hur biznes, qí só trem-bld wiá fir aat qí kud not utur a wurd. Cēn ai óld man, hú had a kaindli hárt, spók tu hur tendurli, and invaited hur intu hiz kabin, hwèr hí tóld hur qí mait hav a hóm az loṇ az qí cóz tu sté, for hí sò aat qí woz in distres. Aftur qí had wormd hursel fái æ fair, hí pripèrd a frúgal míl, æ best hiz hous afórded. Haviṇ nou génd konfidens, Fridíma tóld him hú qí woz, and hwai qí had kum, and ov òl hur wonduriṇz in æ waild and dizmal forests wiá æ fújitiv Kuçanz. Hwail æ wer tòkiṇ ai óld manz fór sunz, hú livd wiá him, kém in from cèr wurk, and lisnd tu hur stó-ri. Cē wer encanted wiá æ fain silvur tónz ov hur vois, and æ wé in hwic qí pled æ kòz ov æ púr dispaizd Kuçanz drú fóra òl cèr simpasiz. Cē admaird æ púriti and upraitnes ov hur sentiments, and hur lofti and self-sakrifaiṇz benevolens. Óld Osami pursívd aat æ wer dípli driṇkiṇ in hur spirit, but hí sat kwaietli and sed not a wurd. Az ai ívniṇ wór awé hí róz from hiz cèr and tuk doun a nû huntiṇ raifl aat huṇ in æ rúm. Fridíma nórist a strénj fair in hiz ai, and hiz ditermind

luk olmóst fraitnd hur, só gí nù from hiz apírans aat hí woz meditétin nó hárm tu hur. Aftur burniçin hiz raifl and putin hiz kátrijez in ordur, hí tóld Fridíma aat sins hur fáður had féld tu akt æ párt ov a protektur, az hí woz bound tu dú, and had sent hur out intu æ kóld wurld, hí wud himself adopt hur az hiz ón caild, and wud asúm æ rait and æ risponsibiliti ov a pèrent tu difend hur agenst òl aat wud dú hur hárm. Æ brucurzwormli risponded, and agúrd hur aat gí gud evur bí trítéd bai æm az a dír sistur.

And nou, mai sunz, sed ai óld man, yú had betur get yúr wepnz in redines for faitin. Æis wurld iz ful ov tòk and simpasí, but tòk and simpasí nevur yet protekted æ helples. If yú intend tu dilivur æis hunted lam from hur persikúturz, yú must bí pripèrd tu dú it at æ risk ov yúr laivz. Blud iz æ pûrifaiur ordénd tu klenz æ sténz ov æis bad wurld. Sí yú not aat æ land iz ful ov leprusi? It wil rikwair sumsin mór aan wotur tu woç it out. Ai am an óld man, and mai laif iz not wuræ mæc. Yú, mai sunz, ár yun; dú az yú laik; but az for mí, ai çal set maiself agenst æ foul monster aat iz wurkin òl æis miscif. Ai wil mék mai wé intu hiz fortres; ai wil entur hiz pales; ai wil stand at hiz bedsaid; God helpin mí, ai wil send a çaft aat çal wiñ its wé tu hiz hárt; ai wil opn æ dórz ov hiz dunjunz, and nok of æ feturzwormli priznurz. And æ boiz sed æé wud gó wiæ him. Æen Osami ríct up hiz hand and tuk down from æ çelf a Buk, hwic tóld ov æ

Blak Dragon, and ov æ Red Dragon hiz fáður, and hou æ word agenst æ Lord, and hou æ jujments ov hevn gud-kum doun upon æm in fûcur taimz. Aftur rídiñ a hwail hí fel upon hiz níz, az hiz kustum woz, and préd æ grét Olfáður aat hí wud protekt Fridíma, and dilivur æ Kuçanz for hur sék, and aat hí wud brék æ pour ov æ Blak Dragon, and baniç him from Norland and Sunland, and from ðl æ grín spots ov kriégun, and sál Lim up in tófet fast and forever.

. Hwen Fridíma sò intu húz handz çí had fòln, and hwot a hai and nóbl nécur æ stern óld man pozest, and felt hur hóps ov hapines and sikûriti wuns mór rivaiv, hur hárt arobd waildli, for æ joi woz tú grét for hur, and çí burst intu a flud ov tírz. Dú not bí eksaited, sed Osami; kompóz yúrself, trust in Goð, and ðl wil bí wel. Só çí draid up hur tírz, and hwen æ had ðl bidn hur a kaind gud-nait çí ritaird tu rest. Çí sun fel intu a swít slumbur, and drímd ov hapi sínz in a world hwèr ðl ai inhabitants luvd íc uaur az bruc-urz.

Osami imídietli bigan tu mék preparégunz for invédiñ æ dominyunz ov æ Blak Dragon. Inspaird wia hiz nú aidía, hí vizited ðl hiz óld frendz and endevurd tu rouz æm tu a komun efurt for æ distrukçun ov æ monstur. Meni ov æm aòt hiz ém woz a gud wun, but disaprúvd ov æ mínz. In æ furst plés æ aòt it prizumçus for a fû indivijualz tu get up a krúséd agenst suc a venvr-abl antediluvian, hú woz íkwál and purhaps mór

can fkwal in pour and prestij tu æ suvurin himself. Sekundli, if eni æiŋ woz tu bī dūn, it Ʒud bi dūn bai æ kiŋ ov æ kuntri; and az hī woz at pīs and amiti wiā æ Dragun, it wud bī trīznus for eni ov æ komun pípl tu run kountur tu hiz egzampl, or atemt tu eksikūt justis wiāout hiz ordur. It woz jenurali admitted aat abstraktli æ Dragun had nō rait tu opres and maltrīt æ Kuçanz; but az loŋ az hī did not medl wiā æ Normen and Norwimin, it woz dīmd haili impolitik tu stur up hiz rāa bai interfirīŋ in bihaf ov æ reced and helples krīcurz hū had æ misforcun tu fōl undur hiz pour. Sō æé tōld Osami plēnli aat æé wud hav nviŋ tu dú wiā hiz skīmz; móst ov æem, indīd, aot aat hī woz krēzi, or wud sun bikum sō. A fū pípl, hū sō hwot a worm and jenurus hárt hī had, and hou wilīŋ hī woz tu sakrifaiz himself tu help æem aat had nō helpur, enkurejd him in hiz undortékiŋ, and gév him muni tu bai wepnz, loŋcuturz and Ʒortcuturz, and Ʒárp lansez wiā hwic æ Kuçanz mait difend æemselvz agenst æer opresurz.

Míntaim æ grét prinsez and lordz ov æ Dragónianz, híriŋ aat Fridíma had tékn refūj wiā a wudzman ov æ west, sent fóru æer emisariz in grét numburz tu sere hur out and briŋ hur tu æ pales in cénz, for æ Dragun had nou givn up æi aidía ov mékiŋ hur hiz waif, and woz ónli bent upon distroiiŋ hur and hur frendz. Hiz bandits wer ordurd tu plundur and lé wést æ nū kuntri, and kil of æ Fridónianz az fast az æé kud. Grét numburz wer

got and jibeted, stór-houzez emtid, and vilejez burnt, aróin æe hól kuntri intu konsturnégun. Æe sunz ov Osami wer tékn priznurz, æer ármz pin-yund bihaind æem wia æonz aat kut tu æe bón, and in æis kondiçun æe wer fasnd tu æe Dragóni-anz' horsez, and méð tu run wia æem az æe gal-upt awé in æe burnið hít tórdz Sunland. Wun ov æem bikém a méniak from æe hítið ov hiz brén; anæur woz kild bai a Hwait devl-pricur, hú æòt it grét merit tu ofur him az a sakrifaiz tu hiz god.

At leuð Osami, havið kompléted hiz arénj-ments, and faird anú bai æe bárbérian krúeltiz in-fikted on hiz sunz and néburz, aróz sudenli and tuk hiz dipárcur for Sunland, akumpanid bai ærí ov hiz sunz and hiz suninlò, and a duzn trusti worryurz. Æé kém upon æe Dragunz stronhóld bai nait, génið admiçun wiçout difikulti. Kèrfuli filið æer wé, æe enturd an apártment nír æe pales, hwic woz ful ov fairármz and grét gunz and poudur, furst mékið priznurz ov æe woemen hú stud gárd at æe dór. From æis rúm æe hópt tu faind a pasej intu æe Dragunz bedcémbur, in hwic kés æe wud sun bí ébl tu finið him. But in æis ekspektégun æe wer disapointed, and hwen æe mornið bigan tu dòn æe found æer entrans had bin diskuvurd. Æe nûz flû laik laitnið ærí æe pales and æríout òl Sunland, and raidurz wer huriið tu and fré, òl waild az wia æi eksaitment ov batl. Hwen æe Blak Dragun herd æe tûmùlt and woz tóld æe kòz, hí rórd wia fûri and læt hiz tél agenst



æ pales wòlz til æ çuk az if ær had bin an erukwék. Æ aundur ov hiz róriņ ekód ívn tu æ distant hilz ov Norland, kòziņ ai inhabitants tu kwék wiç terur and haid æmselvz wiçin ær houzez. Æ Dragun olsó kém fóru ov hiz pales and çód himself in òl hiz jaigantik propórçunz, hiz form touriņ aloft tu æ ríjūn ov æ stárz, dárkniņ æ sun az a kloud, and aróiņ a glúmi çadó óvur æ hól land. Púr Fridíma sat krouciņ, solitari and trembliņ, in a mountin kév; nun dèriņ tu ministur tu hur wonts, or inkwair aftur hur welfer, or ívn pronouns hur ném.

And nou æ guvurnurz and æ jenuralz and kap tinz ov Sunland, wiç an ármi ov horsmen and futmen, bigan tu gaçur from òl kworturz; and æ envairund Osami and hiz kumpanyunz, hú fòt brévli for ær laivz, but wer at last óvurpourd. Æ sunz ov ai óld híró wer slén, and hí himself woz kapeurd, wúnded and blídiņ, and dragd tu æ kounsíl-hous for egzaminéçun. And æ guvurnur sed tu him, Ai nó òl about yúr vilani; ai wont nó informéçun on çat point; but tel me, név, hú sent yú hiçur? Yú hav kum at ai instigéçun ov Samuņkl; it iz ov nó yús tu dinai it. Konfes, and ai wil giv yú a fèr traial. Çen Osami, gróniņ wiç pén, turnd hiz góri hed and míkli riplaid, Mai díð iz mai ón; ai hav had nó kounsel or advais from Samuņkl. Unles yú wil juj mí akordiņ tu justis, ai wiç nó traial; if yú ár ditermind tu hav mai blud, kil mí at wuns, for ai am redi tu dai. Æ gud Buk telz mí ai çud dú tu vaurz az

ai wud hav uourz dú tu mí; and in sákiñ tu pløk æ kaptivz from æ tíu ov æ Dragun, ai hav dun nó mór ðan ai çud wiç sum kaind dilivurur tu dú for mí in similar surkumstansez.

Ɔen æ guvurnur, hú woz a Waizman, sed wiçin himself, Ai must not sím tu kondem ais man for hétin æ Dragun and bifrendin æ Kuçanz, lest it çud kriét for him simpagaizurz ívn amuñ ourselvz; but ai wil trai him for kilin and murdurin æ sóljurz at wer sent agenst him. Só æ held a kórt, and bròt lòyurz and witnesez, and méð a grét paréd ov justis and ligaliti, and fainali ajujd him tu dea. Ɔen æ tóld him hí must hav æ sól-dokturz tu konvert and klenz him, só at hwen hí daid hí mait not fòl intu ai evurlastin flémz. But Osami wud not hárken tu ær advais, and hí ríturnd for ansur at hí wud giv mór for æ prèr ov a púr Kuçan muçur ðan for ðl æ prèrz and katekizmz ov ðl æ sól-dokturz æ Blak Dragun had in hiz emploi.

At leu æ mártur woz led fóru tu dai, hwail a grét ármí ov sóljurz and horsmen wer paréded around him tu witnes æ spektakl and traíumf óvur hiz fét. And æ huñ him up bitwín æ hevnz and ai er, and wocst him until hí woz ded. But nó sunur had æ spirit esképt from æ bodi ðan it spred abròð in ai atmosfir, filiñ æ windz wiç strénj hwispurz, and flitiñ hír and ær, laik a góst, arú ðl æ land. It disturbd æ lordz and prinsez ov æ Dragunz kórt in ær midnait drírmz; and æ yuñ men and wimin ov Norland bigan tu

bría a freçur and pârtur èr, and tu fil nû impulsez,  
and tu yern aftur æ loŋ-lúvd and baniçt Fridí-  
ma. Wicín tú yírz from Osamiz dea, æ pípl had  
jenuráli kum tu æ konvikçun aat hí woz yet  
huvuriŋ óvur æ kuntri, in æ çép ov a gárdian  
énjel; aat insted ov ritairiŋ difited from æ kon-  
test wiá æ Blak Dragon, hí had joind ai ármí  
ov æ Lord; aat hiz napsak woz stil strapt upon  
hiz bak, and hiz sól márciŋ on.





## CAPTUR V.

**P**URSÍVIN aat æ afekgunz ov æ Normen wer inseparabli twaind around æ jentl Fridíma, æ Dragónianz bigan tu konsult hou æ mait brék up æ kinðum, and form a nú guvurnment ov hwic æ Blak Dragun çud hav æ sól pozeçun. Óld Publik Funçunari, hú had loŋ bin kiŋ ov æ Yunaited Oksident, and hú had ofurd tú hundred and fifti silvurliŋz for æ kapçur ov Osami, woz about tu end hiz rén, and ær wer glúmi aprihençunz aat hiz suksesur wud not bí só frendli tu æ Blak Dragun az hí had bin. Hwen æ taim kém for apointiŋ a nú rúlur, ær woz grét eksaitment urú æ land. And on a set dé æ vérius traibz asemblð, æ D'ragónianz, and æ Demókriantz, and æ Fridónianz, and æ Publikantz, and æ Íradikéturz, and æ Konservaturz, and æ multitudz ov æ pípl bóa in Norland and Sunland, tu witnes æ kastin ov æ lots. And meni ov æm sat up wociŋ ðl nait, hwail æ síurz and ðgurz konsulted æ ómenz. And hwen æ morniŋ woz kum, bihóld æi èr woz ful ov fòliŋ lívz, hwic æ wind had blón fár and waid óvur æ kuntri. And hwen æ pípl had pikt æm up, and eg-

zamind æm kèrfuli, æé found ritn upon æm æ  
ném ov **MAGNUS MAHÁRBA**. Só æé nú æat  
æis woz æe nám ov æèr nekst kiṇ.

Æen woz æer grét komógun in æe pales ov æe  
Dragun, and æe lordz and prinsez and lédiz ov  
hiz houshold wer fild wiæ indignégun, for æé had  
herd ov Magnus Mahárba, æat hí woz an onest  
man, and wun æat luvd justis and ekwiti, and  
hens æé inferd æat hí must bí an enemi ov æèr  
mástur. Æé had olsó herd it ripórted æat Fridi-  
ma, dùriṇ hur travelz, had spent a nait at hiz  
hous, and instild intu hiz maind hur fanatikal  
planz for letiṇ hús æe Kuçanz, and líviṇ æe Drag-  
un tu dai ov stárvégun. Só æe eíffs and nóblz as-  
embl'd and drú up æe cártur ov a nú kiṇdum for  
æe suport and difens ov æèr ðgust patrūn and hiz  
projeni, and for æi ekstenégun ov hiz and æèr glóri,  
influens and pour óvur ðl æe landz and síz, and  
for æi eksterminégun ov æèr enemiz bai fair and  
sórd. And æé cóz Prins Jefur æu bí æèr kiṇ, and  
hiz eíff ministurz wer Lord Sepulkur, and Lord  
Júdas, and Munimungur, and Névimaladi, húz ofis  
it woz tu mék desolét æe síz and tu beri in díp  
woturz æe çips ov Samuṇkl. And for hiz jenur-  
alz hí had Gréthrag, and Pretigárd, and Stóni-  
jon, and Stónijak, and Bóldrobin. And æé rézd  
a grét ármí and tuk pozegun ov æe stroṇhóldz and  
kaslz, and sízd meni çips and gunz, bisaidz áóz  
hwic had bin síkretli givn æem bai æe servants ov  
Publik Funṇçunari.

Nou hwen æe lordz and kounselurz ov æi Oksi-

dentalz hú wer asembl'd in párliment herd aíz  
siñz, aé wer fild wiá alárm. And aé sed amuñ  
aemselvz, Wí must bai òl mínz pasifai æ Dragun,  
and giv him hwotever hí dimandz, uúurwaiz wí  
gal hav wor and bludged, and our hapi land wil  
bikum a land ov straif and tûmolt, laik ai éngent  
kingdumz ov ai Órient. Aftur muc angri dibét,  
sum bññ in févur ov æ Dragun and sum agenst  
him, aé agríd tu mék a trítí ov purpecual pís and  
amiti on aíz kondiçunz, némli, aat hiz majesti æ  
Dragun woz tu bí rekognaizd az súvuren ov æ  
kuntri konjointli wiá æ réniñ kiñ; but hí woz not  
tu strec hiz ármz or fít, or æ çadó ov hiz oçorití,  
óvur eni ov æ nû westurn landz aat had bin  
purcest bai Samuñkl; sekundli, aat Fridíma çuð bí  
givn him tu waif akordiñ tu ai orijinal agríment;  
lastli, aat Samuñkl and æ Normen çuð entur intu  
a solem kuvenant wiá æ Dragun aat aé wud  
not molest him in æ fûcur, nor spík ov him dis-  
rispektfuli az aé had dun; and wud undur nó sur-  
kumstansez alou eni flaiñ Kuçan tu ték refüj in  
aer bordurz; and aat ais kuvenant çuð nevur bí  
olturd, hwail sun, mún and stárz çón in æ hevnz,  
or hwail mountinz, síz and rivurz márk't æ divi-  
junz ov ai era. Só aé sent out æ dikrí noru, souu,  
íst and west, aat òl æ land mait konfirm it.

But it woz nou tú lét; for æ Blak Dragun,  
sfiñ æ kouardis and konsturnégun ov æ kiñ and  
hiz kounsíl, bigan tu strec himself mór and mór,  
and diklêrd aat hí wud aksept ov nuaiñ les çan  
undivaided swé from ógun tu ógun strét akros æ

kontinent, and from hwèr æ norðurn laiun çeks hiz snói mén tu hwèr æ swaurn aligétur sunz himself on æ sandi çór ov æ Grét Bésn. Æ Normen olsó wer displízd wiæ æ nú kuvenant and rifúzd tu konform it. And æ pourful Samunkl bigan tu çó hiz spirit, and tu dinai æat hí had evur promist hiz dōtur in marij tu æ Dragun; for hiz hárt smót him hwen hí herd ov æ krúel sufuriŋz tu hwic Fridíma had bin ekspózd in hur wonduriŋz, and hí ripróct himself for æ kouardli párt hí had akted in sendiŋ hur of, insted ov manfuli standiŋ up and protektiŋ hur wiæ æ brōni muslz ov hiz stroŋ árm. At last hí went tu æi aturniz and tu æi éngents æat wer skild in æ lò, and dizaird æem tu egzamin æ párcments ov bitrogal bai hwic it woz klémd æat hiz dōtur had bin konsaind in wedlok tu æ snéki monstur. Aftur diliŋent sere and kèrful disaifuriŋ ov æ manúskripts, æ lòyurz gév æer opinyun æat nó evidens ov a bitrogal egzisted, and æat æ dokúments rilaid on tu prúv it had nó valid bèriŋ on æ kés. Æen sed Samunkl, God forgiv mí æat æi hav akted laik a fúl; Fridíma çal riturn, and æi wil difend hur, if níd bí, wiæ mai laif.

Hwen æ taim kém for Magnus Mahárba tu asend æ arón, ðl æi ómenz wer unpropíus. Æ skai lourð, æ kloudz çot fóru laitniŋz, æundurz muterð, vaipurz and ratlsnéks kém hisiŋ from æer denz, and æ hai príst, æat woz tu pór on hiz hed æi anointiŋ oil, woz a dárk daiabolikal Dragónian. Nou Magnus Mahárba woz ov a kwaiet and pís-

ful tempur; hí luvd evuri bodi, and sòt æ gud ov òl men, and hiz grétest kèr woz aat hí mait nevur injur an enemi, but wia ívnhanded justis trít frend and fó alaik. Nó kiṇ had evur bifór held æ skélz ov justis wia só impárgal a hand. In hiz hárt hí héted æ Blak Dragun; but inazmuc az hí had bin konstitúted kiṇ óvur bóa gud and bad, hí woz rizolvd aat bad and gud gud íkwali çèr hiz protekçun. Hí had lernt from æ prísts and sól-dokturz aat hwen ai Olmaiti façund ær planet wia hiz fingurz, and róld it out from æ dépas ov íaur, a móltu and fairi bòl, ívn æen hí ordénd it tu bí æ fúcur habitéçun ov æ Blak Dragun, and pridesind aat kiṇz and prinsez çud dú him onur, and çud protekt him, and çud alou him a sertin pórçun ov ær rés for hiz wurkmen, and for hiz wud and wotur kariurz, and for hiz médservants, and for mercandaiz, and for sakrifaiz on hiz olturz, and for hwotevur purpusez hí mait faind it konvínyent tu yúz æem. But ai Íradiké-turz tóld æ kiṇ aat æ sól-dokturz wer roṇ; aat æ Dragun woz a yuzurpur and an outlò; aat hí woz not a krícur ov God but ov æ devl, and aat it wud bí rait tu kil him and aró out hiz kárkas tu blíc in æ rénz ov hevni wia æ kárkas- ez ov æ púr inosents húm hí had murdurd. Æ kiṇ lent a wiliṇ ír tu aíz opinyunz, for hí abhord opreçun; and olaó hí aròt it wud bí roṇ for him tu ték æ laif ov wun ov Godz krícurz, óvur húm hí had bin plést az a rúlor, yet hí síkretli wiçt aat God himself, íf hí disaprúvd ov æ Dragunz



- dúinȝ, wud send doun a grundurbólt tu distroi him, and æus riliv æe land ov its foulest and wurst enemi.

Hwen Magnus Mahárba woz anointed kin, hí stud up on æe arón and méð a spíc tu æe pípl, akordinȝ tu æe kustum ov æe kuntri, só aat ðl mait undurstand æe prinsiplȝ ov hiz guvurnment and hwot woz tu bí æe manur ov hiz rúl. Hí told æem hí wud not alou Norland and Sunland tu bí di-vaided, for hí had tékn hiz óa tu prizerv æem in yúnȝun az wun kuntri; yet hí wud grant æe Dragónianȝ evuri indolȝens aat woz posibl. Olaó æe Blak Dragun woz ofensiv tu æe Normen, hiz raits ġud bí rispekted; and if eni ov hiz kaptivȝ esképt, æe ġud bí hunted up and ristórd tu him; and æe pípl ov Sunland ġud bí left tu maneȝ æer ón afèrz az æe sò fit, provaided æe wud not síz æe forts and kaslz bilonȝin tu æe kin, nor inturfir wiæ æe ġips and tréðin ov Samuȝkl.

Æus kaindli did æe nû kin endeuvur tu alé æi iritéȝun ov æe Dragónianȝ, but tu nó purpus. Æé ansurd him bak wiæ skorn aat hí woz nó kin ov æèrz; aat æe had not cózn, nor wud æe aksept him; aat æe had provaided a guvurnment for æemselvȝ; and az for æe kinȝ pour tu enfórs a yúnȝun bitwín æem and æe Normen, æe difaid him. And æe ġaæurd æer flíts and ármiz and set æem in batl aré agenst æe kinȝ ġarisunȝ, for æe wer impéȝent tu bigin æe wor.



## CAPTUR VI.

**T**ÓNIPAIL kasl, on ai ísturn kóst ov Sunland, woz wun ov æ kinz stroŋholdz bilt bai Samuŋkl at grét ekspens, az a séf-gárd agenst foren invédurz. It stud at æ mouu ov a rivur, and woz gárded bai æ servants ov Samuŋkl, hú had ordurz tu admit nó viziturz nor alou eni veselz tu pas wiȝout æ kinz purmiȝun. And æ Dragun sent a mesenjur tu æ kaptin ov æ garisun, séiŋ, Giv mí æ kí ov æ kasl, ȝat mai worryrz mé entur in and okûpai it, for it iz bilt upon mai teritori and ærfór bilonȝ tu mí. And æ kaptin and æ ȝat wer wiȝ him rifûzd, for æ sed, Wí must obé ai ordurz ov our kin, and wiȝout hiz purmiȝun wí kan giv admitans tu nó wun. And Prins Jefur sed, Nou iz our taim; let us storm æ kasl, and só briŋ on wor, and æen wil ðl æ pípl ov Sunland bí yunaited az wun man, and wí wil fair ȝer hárts agenst æ tairant Mahárba, and wil gó out agenst him in batl, and wil óvururó and distroi him, and wil entur hiz pales and rúl æ hól land. And hí gév æ komand, and Dûk Pretigárd surounded æ kasl, and bumbárded it wiȝ hiz artiluri, and ȝrú upon it ȝelz and kombus-

tiblz, setiñ it on fair, and filiñ it wið smók and flémz. And hí dróv out æ men aat wer set tu gárd it, and tór doun æ kiñz banur and put in its plés æ banur ov æ ratlsnók and Dragun. And æé çouted and sañ, and méð meri óvur ær viktori.

And hwen Magnus Mahárba sò hwot woz dun, hí sent wurd tu Samuñkl, and bad him gó arú æ land and kolekt arí skór and fiftiñ æouzand worryurz tu fait for ær kiñ and kuntri, and tu rikuvur æ forts and kaslz aat had bin kapcurd. Æen woz Samuñkl glad, for hí had loñ bin impéçent tu avenj ai insults ov æ Dragónianz, and had bin angri wið æ kiñ for hiz ekstrím forbèrans. Hí had olsó tóld hiz frendz praivetli aat Fáçur Magnus çud not ristrén him muc longur, for if hí kud not obtén ridres uaurwaiz, hí wud ték æ lò intu hiz ón handz. Az sun az hí risið æ kiñz mandét tu sumun æ worryurz, hí róz up in hést tu eksikût æ komiçun. And æer woz trampiñ tú and fró, and mesenjurz huriñ óvur plén and mountin, and æ èr woz alaiv wið æ sound ov musturiñ futsteps and æ ratliñ and burniçin ov wepnz.

And Samuñkl konsulted wið æ ric men ov Góçam, and hí kounseld æem tu ópn æ selurz hwèr æé kept ær trejurz, and briñ out æ góld aat woz hidn bihaind ær wòlz, and giv it intu æ handz ov æ kiñz ofisurz for purçesiñ wepnz, and for bildiñ çips, and for klóaiñ and fidiñ æ worryurz. And æé anstóð him févurabli, and promist tu giv æ kiñ òl aat hí nided.

Nou æe siti ov Góçam woz a Bèbelaitiç siti,

and æ langweĵ ov æ pípl diskordant. And meni ov æm wer Dragónianz, hú apírd in æ gárþ ov Demókrianz, rizembliĵ æm só klósli æat æ komun pípl kud skèrsli tel æ diferens. Æ mercantz and marinurz wer ĵenurali frendz ov æ Dragun, bikòz ær welr woz méð bai trafikiĵ in æ skélz hwic fel-from hiz bodi, for hí ĵed hiz skélz evuri yír, and æé wer ov a fain and bútiful tekscur, and suseptibl ov a grét varaieti ov kulur and poliĵ, and hwen manúfakurd intu róbz and vestments wer muc admaird and sòt aftur bai æ mercants ov foren kuntriz. Æ Dragun had nou put a stop tu æis trafik; meni, æerfór, hú had príviusli advokéted hiz kòz, sudenli turnd agenst him, diklèriĵ æat æé had olwez dislaikt him in ær hárts, and æat hensfóra æé abjúrd and rinounst him forever. Æé ívn went só fár az tu sé it woz not fit æat suc a monstur ĵud liv. Æ ærí waiz men ov Gó-æam, at húz lips æ pípl wer akustumd tu ték advais, and húz némz wer Taimservitur, Tribûn-osofer and Hárlikin, had until nou bin divaided in kounsel. Wun rekomended ĵentlnes and forbèrans tórdz æ Dragun; anuaur woz wiliĵ æ monstur and òl æat luvd him ĵud dipárt and bígon, and form a pandimónium for æemselvz, suc az æé cóz; hwail æ æurd rifiúzd tu ĵiv advais íaur wé, not nóin hweaur Kiĵ Magnus or Prins Jefur wud prúv æ strongur. But hwen æé sò æ kiĵz flag tórñ down, and æ sólĵurz ov Sam-urkl faird upon and drivn out ov ær kasl, and æ ratlsnéks traicmfīn óvur its rúinz, æíz ærí waiz

men stud up wia yunaited vois, and bad æ pípl kum forwurd at æ kòl ov ær kiṇ, and woḡ out æ stén on ær banur wia æ blud ov aóz aat had insulted it. And æ multitûd ruḡt wia wun impuls intu æ kounsíl gróv, and æ cíf woryurz, and ai óld men, and æ mercants, and æ lòyurz and spiricual dokturz harangd æm ær, and egzhorted æm tu fait for ær olturz and inheritansez and æ kuvenant ov ær fáaturz. And æ gróv rizounded wia ḡouts, and traikvurð banurz wer huṇ upon evuri trí, and æ pípl lifted up ær handz tórd hevn and tuk a solem óu aat æ wud alou nó Dragun kiṇdum tu bí establiḡt upon ær soil. And æ guvurnur ov æ siti, húz ném woz Rotnwud, a cíf ov æ Dragónianz, woz ær; and hwen the multitûd diskuvurd him æ krouded around him and æretnd him, and tóld him aat hí olsó ḡud réz hiz vois for hiz kiṇ and kuntri, or els bí kounted for a trétur. Só æ kompeld him tu mount æ vinigur barel and ḡout for Magnus Mahárba and Samuṇkl.

And æ grét ármí ov Samuṇkl woz gaaurd akordiṇ tu æ kiṇz komandment, and æ kómenst ær márc intu Sunland. But æ jenuralz wer kòḡund tu dí jentli wia æ lordz and prinsez ov æ Dragónianz, and on nó akount tu mék wor upon æ Dragun himself, but ónli tu ḡó him hou impotent hí woz tu kontend wia æ fórsez ov æ kiṇ, and æus fraitn him intu ḡud bihévyur, if hí kuð not bí wun bai kaindnes. And hwen Dûk Botlhóldur and Dûk Miklmakl enturd intu æ

Dragónian kuntri, æ furst ov ðl iðúd ær prokla-  
 mégunz, enjoinið upon ær folóurz and ðl æ pípl  
 tu onur and rispekt ai oðoriti ov æ Blak Dragun,  
 and wornið æ Kuçanz aat if æ imprúvd ai opor-  
 tûniti ov ær mástur distres tu raiz agenst him,  
 æ wud bí kruçt wið an aiurn hand. But hwail  
 æ eifs ov æ Normen wer só tendur ov æ Drag-  
 un, and só kèrful tu injur hiz lordz and nóbmen  
 az litl az posibl, æ Dragónianz fòt wið ær ut-  
 móst streng and fûri, góin févur níaur tu hai nor  
 ló. Hwen æ kið sò aat ðl æ smòl batlz wer  
 góin agenst him, and aat insted ov bið imprest  
 wið a hólsum dred ov hiz pour, æ Dragónianz  
 wer ónli æ mór imbóldnd, hí kòld for Dùk Dùit-  
 wel, and bad him komens æ wor in earnest. And  
 hí sent him wið tú skór and ten lþunz ov stalwurð  
 worryurz, ordurið him tu mék an óvurhwelmið  
 asolt on æ sentral Dragónian armi, and aftur di-  
 fitið tu pursú æm ívn tu æ géts ov Riemantoun,  
 ær kapital. Æn Dùk Dùitwel krost òvur æ  
 Boundarimárk rivur and enturð Vurjinland. Af-  
 tur márcið tú déz hí kém tu a smòl strím kòld  
 Bulskampur, on ai uaur said ov hwic lé æ Dra-  
 gónianz stronli fortifaid, and redi for an atak.  
 And æ Normen advanst and fòt æm ærí déz  
 and ærí naits, but kud not disloj æm, for ær eifs  
 wer óld worryurz, auruili skild in ær árt, and æ  
 wérili kept tu ær intrencments and wud not fait  
 on ai ópn fild. But on æ fóru dé æ máret out  
 and joind batl, and fòt wið despurégun; and ær  
 woz a grét slòtur. And hwen æ sun woz góin

doun, and æe Normen wer fént and wíri, æe sò æe spektur némd Pan, and æe tremblð wia grét fir. And hwen a fû ov æem bigan tu flai, æe terur spred amun æe rest, and æe lukt ais wé and æat, and ló, æe spektur woz klós upon æem. And æe gév a krai, and ærú awé æer gunz and napsaks, and abandund æer wagunz and kanun, and ran az if æi æer wer klíviñ asundur bihind æem; æe pòzd níaur tu ít or driñk til æe got bak tu æe royal siti. But æer enemiz did not pursú æem, for æe wòt it woz a rúz. And æe nekst morniñ æe sent fóra æer skouts tu egzamin æe batl fild, and tu faind hwèr æe Normen wer. And hwen æe had fuli sercet æe ríjun around, and sò æat æi ármí ov Samunkl had indíd gon bak, líviñ æe ródsaidz strón wia gárments and wepnz huridli kast awé, æer kurej ri-vaivd, and æe çouted and danst, and proklémd a grét vikturi, and òl Sunland woz fild wia soñz and festiviti.

And æe gaaurd æer slén and wúnded and berid æe ded. But meni ov æe Normen wer left abuv ground, and hwen æe fleç had dikéd and fòln of, æe karid æe bóñz tu æer tents, and manû-fakcurd æem intu driñkiñ kups, and fingur riñz and neklésez, and òl manur ov káris ornaments tu prizent tu æer waivz and swíthárts, az tóknz ov æer valur, and tu hañ up az trófiz in æer kolejez and múziumz, aloñ wia æe skin ov Osamiz sun, and æe skalps and skeletunz ov uaurz æat had bin sakrifaizd in onur ov æer god.



## CAPTUR VII.

**P**ORTIFAID and konfounded at ai un-  
lukt for dizastur ov Bulskampur, æ kiŋ  
and hiz lordz and hiz párliment bigan  
tu dout hweaur æé gud bí ébl tu fraitr  
æ Dragon out ov hiz insolens bai kiliŋ  
of a pórçun ov hiz servants and adhír-  
ents, and hweaur it wud not bí betur tu  
mék wor direktli upon æ monstur himself. But  
æ kiŋ sed, Let us dú justli, and let us spèr hiz  
laif if posibl. Ai hav tékn an óu tu prizerv him,  
akordiŋ tu æ éngent stacuts; yet notwiastan  
diŋ ais, mai obligéçun tu æ kuntri iz grétur. It  
iz æ fiziçunz dûti tu sév hiz péçent wiæ hiz limz  
entair if hí kan; but if hí faindz ais imposibl, æen  
hí iz justifaid in kutiŋ of a lim tu sév æ manz  
laif. Só wil ai dú wiæ æ Dragon; hwen it bi-  
kumz sertin at ai kanot sév him wiçout endén-  
juriŋ æ kiŋdum, ai wil klv him tu hiz fét, and hiz  
vaiolens çal kum doun upon hiz ón hed, and ai  
çal bí giltles ov hiz blud. Çen sed æ kiŋz koun-  
selurz, Let a párt ov æ Dragunz pour bí tékn  
awé, and let sum ov Liz landz bí konfiskéted, and



let az meni Kuçanz az ár fórst tu help him in hiz wiked wor• bí rilíst from ær bondej, and bí invaited tu ték çeltur undur æe stári banur, and for-evur aftur let æem bí frí from æe servis and oæor-ti ov æer krúel mástur. Cus çal wí tuc æe Dragun in a tendur spot, and hí wil bikum alármð, and wil bí kompeld tu sù for pís on suc termz az wí mé diktét. And æe kiñ gév hiz konsent, and æé rót æe dikrí, and it woz rikorded amuñ æe stacuts ov æe relm.

Sun aftur çis, wun ov æe kiñz cífteñz húz ném woz Dùk Frímantl, dûriñ hiz márceez in æe west, diskuvurd wun ov æe Dragunz loñ ármz ekstend-ed out intu æe nú kuntri and graspiñ a sték hwic hí had planted æer az a sáin ov hiz lòful pozeçun. And Frímantl tuk hiz staf and hésted, and léd hóld on æe jaigantik pò, and bound it fast tu æe sték, and gév ordurz tu hiz ofisurz æat æé çud briñ sórdz and aksez and naivz, and kut it of. Cæn æe Dragun hould wiç a bitur and móst lamentabl houl, æat ríct ívn tu æe pales, and fel upon ai írz ov æe kiñ. And hwen æe kiñ had inkwaird and lernt æe kòz, hí sent a mesenjor tu Dùk Frímantl, and ribúkt him, and ordurd him tu rilís æe Dragunz árm, and in nó waiz tu sevr it from hiz bodi, az æe wúnd mait prív fétal, and æen hí wud bí gilti ov æe Dragunz blud. But Frímantl wud not lús æe bandz, for hí rigárded æe sléiñ ov suc a monstur az nó murdur. Nevuræeles, out ov rispekt tu æe kiñz ordurz, hí let æe pò rimén az it woz, untíl Dùk Huntsman woz sent tu kut æe

róps and giv ai óld reprobét anuær cans for hiz laif.

But ðl æe kiꝝ kaindnes had nó efekt upon æe Dragun, for hí woz az proud and impírius az ev-ur. Æen æe kiꝝ kòld for faiv hundred líjunz ov worryurz, in adiꝝun tu áóz hí olredi had, and hí tuk tú hundred líjunz ov æe brévest, and plést Dúk Miklmakl at æer hed, and ordurd æem tu máre valyantli but wérili, and ték pozeꝝun ov æi enemiz kapital. And Dúk Miklmakl sed tu æe kiꝝ, Ai must trén and tíc æem bifór ai kan líd æem tu mít æe Dragónianz, lest æe ġud not bí ébl tu wiastand æe ġárp ej ov batl, and ġud bí put tu konfűjun az at Bulskampur, and wí bí agen bròt tu ġém.

And æe muni in æe kiꝝ kofurz bigan tu gró skant, and æe góld síst tu fló from bihaind æe wòlz ov Gógam, and from æe vòlts ov Bruæursití and Bívztoun, and Rickárgó, and æe rivur baꝝks hwèr æe kiꝝ ofisurz had digd só suksesfuli yfl-ded nó mór. Æen Magnus Mahárba méð hiz wònts nóu tu hiz ministurs and waiz men, and æe sed, Woz not muni in éncęnt taim obténd from æe mouæ ov a fiꝝ? And tu húm ġud æe kiꝝ luk for silvur and góld but tu Lord Grínfiꝝ, húm hí haz apointed tu bí óvur hiz trejuri? And æe grét kounsíl past a dikrí æat æe lord trejűrur ġud bí rikwaírd tu riplenig æe egzbòsted cests, and æat hí ġud bí purmited tu manúfakæur muni out ov hwotevur matírialz hí æòt móst konvínyent, and æat eni substans stampd and koind in æe trejuri

milz gud bí kounted for æ trú koin and kurensi ov æ relm. And Lord Grínfið multiplaid hiz milz, and kast ærin öld klóaz and daivurz linen and kotn fabriks, and ær kém out bûtiful soft muni, stampt wið imejez ov æ kiñ and hiz lordz, and ilustréted wið ðl manur ov strénj and kûrius divaisez. And æ kulur ov it woz grín, laik æ kulur ov æ ógun. And hwen æ kiñ sò it hí woz wel satisfaid, and Samuñkl tuk it and sur-kûléted it arú æ kuntri, and æ pípl were dilait-ed, and yúzd it for trafik and for æ pément ov tribût and kustumz, and nó longur komplénd ov ær burdnz.

Lord Síwordur woz olsó wun ov æ cíf minis-turz ov æ relm, and hí woz apointed tu woc æ kiñz and kuntriz biyond æ síz, and tu privent ær sendiñ óvur veselz and renduriñ asistans tn æ Dragon. And Lord Dípwotur had cárj ov æ gips ov Samuñkl, and hí sent æm tu gárd æ íst-urn kóst ov Sunland, and tu aró fairi misilz up-on æ Dragónianz, and tu draiv æm out ov ær sitiz, and tu riték æ fortresez ov Samuñkl hwic had bin stóln from him. And æ veselz skourd alon æ gór and went around tu æ soua ov Sun-land; and enturiñ intu æ Grét Bésn æé past on and kém tu æ moua ov Fáaurwotur rivur, on æ bank ov hwic lé æ grét siti Fívuropolis. And Dûk Botlhóldur went up wið æ gips, and stormd æ fortresez and tuk æ siti, and held it in æ ném ov Kiñ Magnus Mahárba. And hí rúld æi enemiz ov æ kiñ wið rigur, bóa Hiseç and Çi-

seg; but hí guvurnd æ pípl raiousli, and diliv-  
urð æ Kuçanz out ov æ handz ov ær opresurz.

Hwail æ çips wer æus mékiñ koñkwests on  
æ suaur çór, Dûk Miklmakl riménd in æ ro-  
yal siti kèrfuli tréniñ hiz tú hundred líjunz, só æat  
hwen æ sprin ópnd hí mait múv æem forwurd  
tórd Ricmantoun. Az sun az æ wintur had past  
æ kiñ ordurd him tu mék hést and bí gon, and  
told him æat sins hí woz afréd tu líd hiz wor-  
yurz bai æ wé ov Bulskampur, hwèr æé had sín  
æ spektur, hí mait ték æem around bai çip tu  
æi íst ov æi enemíz siti and máro from æens bai  
a çort and ízi ród. Só æé tuk çip and landed  
on æi ísturn çór ov Vurjinland, and márct tórd  
æ Dragunz stroñhóld. And hwen Dûk Miklmakl  
had kum nír tu æ siti, and biheld æ spairz ov  
æ templz, and æ fortifikégunz bihaind hwic æ  
Dragun had intrenot himself, and æ vast ármiz  
æt wer gaaurd around æ plés for its difens,  
and kud dizern æ formz ov æ horsez and æ  
horsmen æat wer múviñ in æ distans, and æi ópn  
mouaz ov æ grét blak gunz, hiz hárt sunk wicin  
him, and æ joints ov hiz níz bikém lús and hiz  
limz tottriñ. And hí kòld for a spéd, and sed  
tu hiz worryurz, Hwot yú sí mí dú, æat dú yí olsò.  
And hí bígan tu dig in æ eræ, and tu kast up  
a bank bifór him, and hwen hí had aténd a sutfi-  
çent depæ, hí sat down in it, and woz sikûrli  
protekted agenst eni misilz hwic æi enemi kud  
hurl at him. And æé ðl did só; and hiz worryurz  
dug for æemse'vz kumfurtabl hólz in hwic æé

mait krouc and bí sikûr. And æé wer wel plízd for a taim, but æé soil woz swompi, and æér haid-iñ plésez bikém damp and unhólsum, and æé wer atakt wiæ fívrz and rúmatizmz, and æé bigan tu periç bai hundredz in a dé. And hwenevur a worryur daid, æé kuvurd him up in hiz hól, and smúæd æi eræ abuv him, az it woz bifór æé digiñ. And Dûk Miklmakl aróz on a klír morniñ and lukt óvur æé plén, and ló, æé ground woz ðl bi-kumiñ smúæ and level, and in sum plésez skèrs a singl ópn hól woz tu bí sín. Cæn hí pursívd æat if hí riménd a fû wíks longur, æé medóz wud bí ristórd tu æér orijinal bûti and stilnes, and bí grínur and grasiur æan evur, and hí wud hav ak-ompliçt nuuiñ eksept æé berial ov hiz worryurz bi-níæ æem. And hwen hí gòt on æi ansur hí gud mék tu æé kiñ, and hou hí kud akount for æé los ov hiz ármí, hí woz fild wiæ æé móst glúmi antisipégunz.

And nou æi enemiz horsmen bigan tu kroud around him mór klóslí, galupiñ in hiz rír evuri nait and æretniñ tu kut of hiz ritríft. Cæn hí sò æat hí must íæur fait or flai. At last hí rimemburd haviñ herd ov a fain rivur hwic lé about fór déz jurni tu æé souæ, and aftur konsultiñ hiz cíf kaptíns, hí ditermind tu márc akros æé swomps and morasez tu faind it. Cæ hól ármí woz akordiñl put in móçun, and plunjd bóldli intu æé bogs and fenz, hwèr æé sún bikém envelopt in kloud and mist, and in dens forests kuvurd wiæ hapiñ mos, arú hwic æé sun kud seldum penetrét. Cæ

olsó herd teribl houlinz bai nait, and spekturz and goblinz wer purpecuali flitiñ akros ær páaz, and aóz aat wer sik and fíbl wer tormented wiá æ horibl aprihengun aat aé gud be left bihaind tu bí a pré for æ waild bísts and monsturz ov æ wud.

Az sún az æ Dragónianz sò aat æ Normen had enturd æ swomps aé klapt ær handz for joi, and ruçt aftur ðem, and óvurtuk æm, and atakt æm bifór and bihaind, and planted ær kanun agenst æm, and fòt æm dé aftur dé, and cést æm wiá ær kavalri, and kut down and buçurd grét numburz. But æ trúps ov Samuñkl stud ær ground brévli, and hurld bak ær pursûurz wuns and agen wiá firful slòtur. And despurégun gév furmnes tu ær hárts and cénjd ær sinûz tu stíl, and aé grú só akustumd tu fait aat aé flinet not from kumbat wiá man, goblin or dímun, and wud hav fòt æ Red Dragn ov Tófet himself, if hí had kum in ær páu. And aé rót ær vikturiz on æ Painz and ai Óks, and swept arú æ forest wiá a gunduriñ tramp az ov konkururz in ai our ov ær glóri. But aé left bihaind æm meni ov ær best and brévest, hú léd æmselvz down tu dai in mairi fenz or wer mingld wiá ær fóz amuñ æ híps ov slén.

And on æ sevna dé aé ímerjd from æ swomps and forests, and bihóld, æ bañks ov æ bútiful rivur wer bifór æm. And Dûk Miklmakl bññ on horsbak ród on bifór æ rest, and ríciñ æ rivur forst, hí found ær a worbót ov Samuñkl, intu

hwic hí enturd and woz séf. And uaur çips and bóts wer prokúrd, and æ remnant ov æ grét ármi enturd intu æm and riturnd tu æ royal siti. And Dúk Miklmakl prizented æm bifór æ kiþ, and tóld him ov æ kurej and galantri æé had displéd, and ov æ vikturiz æé had wun. But hwen Magnus Mahárba lukt upon æm and sò hou æer rapks wer eind, hí woz muc displízd, and hí wept for gríf and gém æat hiz worryurz had bin sakri-faizd, and yet æi objekt for hwic hí sent æm had not bin akompliçt.





### CAPTUR VIII.

**W**EN Samuñkl herd ov ais freġ dizastur and sò æ ġaturd lġunz riturniñ from Vur-jinland, hiz indignéġun woz arouzd, and hí héstnd tu æ pales hwail hiz hárt woz yet hot, and hwen hí had fórst hiz wé intu æ kiñz prezens, hí adrest him and sed, Ó kiñ Magnus Mahárba, wer yú not anoint-ed rúlur and cíf óvur ais pípl for ær protekġun and for ær ġud? And hou iz it aat yú ár mékiñ aíz holokòsts tu an infernal Dragun, giviñ up yúr subjekts tu bí sakrifaiẓd bai ŋouzandz and tenz ov ŋouzandz, ívn a hundred ŋouzand in a yír, raaur aan alou us to kil æ vail krícur aat haz instigéted ais krúel wor, and iz nou síkiñ tu ték æ kiñz ón laif, az wel az æ laivz ov hiz pípl? And hou iz it aat yú hav sent Dûk Miklmakl, ai enemi ov æ Kuġanz and an óld and intimet akwéntans ov æ Dragun, tu beri æ sólġurz ai hav givn yú in swomps and márġez and ignóbl grévz? And hwai iz not æ trumpet blón for æ Kuġanz, tu sumun æem intu æ rañks ov æ wor-yurz, tu fait for ær kiñ and hiz kiñdom? Ár æ not ñtron and kurejus? 'Ár æé not trú and féa-



ful, and hav æé not meni taimz rilíst æé fit ov æé kinz servants from æé jinz and traps of æér enemiz? And hwai gud æé Dragun bí aloud tu graind æér fésez and brék æér bónz and divour æem? Ár æé not fleç and blud laik ourselvz? Hav æé not hûman filiņz? Dú æé not laf hwen æé ár meri, and wíp hwen æé ár sad? Dú æé not sufur hwen æé ár stárvd? Dú not æér baks smárt hwen æé hwip tèrz æér skin? Dú æér bodiz burn wiçout pén? Hon iz it æat a kin hú luvz justis and ekwiti haz nó piti for æé soróz ov aız inosents? Had æé kin but proklémd æé Dragun a monstur and an outlð, hwen hí furst bigan æé wor, and kòld out æé Kuçanz tu avenj æemselvz ov æér opresur, our trublz wud hav loņ sins ended; æé monstur wud hav bin slén, and æé widóz and orfanz, húz huzbandz and fáurcz ai purswéded tu entur ais konflikt, wud not nou bí filiņ mai frz wiç æér wéliņz and riprócez. Hwai gud æé kin kontinyu tu çó kaindnes tu æé Blak Dragun? Dú yú stil purpus tu giv mai dòtur Fridíma tu hiz unacural embrés? Wil yú sík for uaur rekordz ov bitroial, sins it iz found æat ai óld kuvenant givz æé Dragun nó klém?

Gen Magnus Mahárba, hú sò æat Samuņkl woz grétli eksaited, ansurd him míkli and sed, Rimembr, gud frend, æat yú yúrself hav aknolejð yúr promis tu giv yúr dòtur in marij tu æé Blak Dragun; yú hav ripitédli averð æat ais woz yúr undurstandiņ ov æé kuvenant; yú hav sent out yúr servants tu hunt up æé fūjitivz and riturn æem

tu bondej; yú hav círfuli péd taksez and tribút for suportin æe Dragun and hav çerd in hiz profits, and nou wil yú disavou yúr ón wurdz and ripúdiét yúr obligéçunz?

Çen Samuñkl kulurd dípli, for hiz konçens kondemd him, and hí kud not ansur a wurd.

Çe kiñ kontinyud, Yú sé it iz roñ tu opres æe Kuçanz and tu ekstort from æem lébur wiadout wéjez. Çis iz just hwot ai hav olwez aòt; but æe sól-dokturz tel mí it iz rait, and aat æe Dragun woz méð bai æe Kriétur for çis veri purpus, and aat æe sékred buks konform it biyond kwescun. And hwen ai maiself sí aat God haz aloud æe Dragun tu egzist for só meni éjez, and stil kípshim in bíñ, ai am led tu dout hweaur hí héts æe kriéur az muc az ai dú; for if it had bin left tu mí, ai wud hav put him out ov æe wé loñ agó. But ai hav nó pour óvur æe Dragun, and hwot wud it avél if ai çud sé tu æe Kuçanz, Yú ár nou dilivurd, yúr dunjun iz unlokt, yúr cénz ár brókn? Wud mai séñ só mék it só? Çud ai not bí laik æe fémus Bulfaitur hú atact hiz animal tu a pépur kait and sent it up tu stop æe komet? Ai kanot ívn send a mesenjur tu Ricmantoun; mai sóljurz hav bin traiñ for a yír and kanot get aèr; hou am ai tu ric æe Kuçanz and tel æem æé ár rilíst from æe oçoriti ov aèr opresurz?

But Samuñkl woz not satisfaid, and hí sed æé mait az wel stop faitñ if æé wer stil ditermind tu rimén in frendçip wiæ æe Dragun and rijekt æe

frendcip ov æ Kuçanz. And hí went awé dounkast and hevihárted, displízd wiæ æ kiñ for hiz konçiengusnes, and kursin æ dé aat hí had evur bin dâpt bai bad advaizurz tu entur intu párt-nurcip wiæ Óld Skéli.

Hwen Samuñkl woz gon, æ kiñ bigan tu riflekt biturli on æ kondiçun ov hiz kuntri, and æ mizuriz æ Blak Dragun had bròt upon it, and hí inkwaird wiçin himself, Iz it rait aat òl mai subjekts gud periç for æ sêk ov wun, and aat wun æ móst hétful ov òl, a tairant and 'an enemi, húz distrukçun wud, biyond dispút, bí a publik benefit? Am ai not dúin roñ tu Samuñkl and Fridíma, and tu æ pípl ov æ land, bai sakrifaiz-iñ æm at æ çrain ov ais bludi Mólok? Duz not mai óu tu protekt òl ai inhabitants rikwair aat ai gud puniç aóz hú injur æ rest? If æ Dragun iz entaitld tu mai protekçun, iz hí not ólsó laiabl tu penaltiz for hiz roburiz and hiz murdurz and hiz ribelyunz?

And æ kiñ kud not slíp aat nait for æ multi-túd ov aòts aat prest on hiz memuri, and for piti ov æ reced Fridíma, húz kraiz for protekçun hí had só lón disrigárded; and hí nou bígan tu ripróc himself for haviñ kóldli turnd hur awé, hwen hí gud hav ceriçt hur az hiz best frend. Aftur rivolviñ æ matur in hiz brén for a loñ taim, hí fainali konklúded aat hí wud indulj æ Blak Dragun in hiz wéwurdnes nó longur; aat hí wud apoint him a dé for ripentans and rekonsiliéçun, and aftur aat if hí gud pursist in hiz

wiked and wontun wor, hí wud igú a dikri for hiz ekspulçun from æ fer plénz ov Sunland, hwér hí had set up hiz oæoriti, and for æ liburégun ov ðl æ Kuçanz aat wer hiz bondmen.

And hwen æ morniṅ woz kum æ kiṅ aróz erli, and enturd intu hiz klozet, and put hiz æts tu raitiṅ in æ form ov a proklamégun, ofuriṅ a frí párdn tu æ Dragen and hiz adhírents, and setiṅ lim a taim tu dizist from hiz worfèr and bikum rekonsaild tu Samuṅkl, and warniṅ him ov hiz fét if hí çud stil longur rifûz. And hí kòld hiz lordz tugeaur for kounsel, and çód æm hwot hí had ritn. And nun ov æm sed ðt agenst it, for æ sò aat æ kiṅz rezolûçun woz fikst. Cæ wer olsó glad aat æ Dragen woz at last tu mít hiz ðizerts. Cæn sed Lord Síwordur, for hí woz waiz and fár-síṅ, and undurstud taimz and síznz, Cí ofer and warniṅ hwio æ kiṅ purpusez tu mék tu æ Blak Dragen ár gud, but æ taim iz not propiçus. For cí ármiz ov æ kiṅ ár nou drivn bak, and æ Dragónian kaptinz and horsmen ár presiṅ upon us sórli, ívn tu æ géts ov æ kapital, and æ hárts ov æ pípl ár melted laik waks. And hwen æ nûz ov æis uretniṅ iz spred abròd, ðl men wil sé it iz æ kiṅz last krai ov dispèr, for hí iz subdûd bai æ Dragónianz. and in hiz ekstremiti hí luks tu æ Kuçanz for help; not aat hí kèrz for æ Kuçanz or dizairz tu protækt æm, níçur haz hí eni rispekt or piti for æ won-deriṅ and reced Fridíma, but selfiçnes and fir konstrén him. Só æ néçunz wil skorn us, and

æ pípl ov Sunland wil traiumf óvur us and mok our impotenci, and gró bóldur in fait æan bifór. Raaur let æo kiṇ wét for a mór ospiḡuz sízn; and let our jenuralz ról bak æ taid ov wor intu æ enemiz kuntri, and let our invinsibl hósts agen stand bifór Ricmantoun. Hwen æis advantej iz génd, let æ kiṇ iḡú hiz proklaméḡun aud hiz worniḡ, and ordén liburti tu æ kaptivz, and òl æ Kuḡanz wil ruḡ tu join us and æ Dragun rés ḡal kwék arúout òl Sunland, and æen az koṇkur-urz wí wil priskraib æ kondiḡunz ov pís. And æ kiṇ sed, Cíis kounsel iz gud; wí wil wét for æ betur taim.





## CAPTUR IX.

**P**RINS JEFUR and æ Dragon wér nou in klós konsultégun, and hwen æé sò æ diskumfieur ov æ Normen, and hou æé had gaavrd around æer kapital in terur, æé léd æer planz for invédiñ and konkuriñ òl Norland. And æé sent of Bóldrobin in hést, and ordurd him tu lé wést æ tounz and sitiz, and síz æe silvur and góld, and æe floks and herdz, and evuri eiñ upon hwic hiz worryurz kud lé æer handz. And bññ eksídipli puft up wiæ vénglóri, Prins Jefur gév ordurz aat æé çud ték kaptiv Magnus Mahárba himself, and briñ him in cénz aat hí mait gó him tu æ Dragon.

Mínhwail æe kiñ, pursíviñ æe dénjur ov líviñ an ópn ród bai hwic hiz enemiz mait advans tu atak æe kapital, had sent of anæur ármi tórdz Ricmantoun bai æe wé ov Bulskampur, tu draiv bak æe hòti hósts aat wer ruçiñ óvur æe Rapidrun and Rapidnokiñ rivur, and arú æe vali ov æe Çainiñdór. And hí divaided ei ármi intu bandz and plést óvur æem Dûks Pontif and Dúitwel and Strophír, and vaur brév jenuralz. And æe kiñ sed it woz bai òl mínz fitiñ aat æe Pontif çud bí

abuv æe rest, só hí gév him æe cíf komand. But Dûk Pontif woz a yuþ worryur, and æe öldur eífs wer jelus, and displizd aat a stripliþ ȝud bí plést óvur æem.

And hwen hí ríet æe Rapidnokiþ rivur hí assemblð hiz worryurz and haraþd æem, and tóld æem æer wud bí nó mór dizasturz, for æe had met æer last difit and méð æer last ritrit, and nou æer brouz wer tu bí kround wiæ æe caplets ov vikturi. Só hí spred out hiz ármí aloþ æe rivur banka tu privent æe Dragónianz from krosiþ, but æe kém on in swarmz laik lókusts, and hwail hí woz gárðiþ wun spot æe daȝt óvur in anuæur. And hwen hí sò hou grétli æer numburz eksíðed hiz ón, hí bikém alármð, and sent and bisòt Dûk Miklmakl tu giv him mór worryurz, and fúð for hiz men and horsez. But Dûk Miklmakl sed hí ȝud hav nón betur aæn tu gó aat wé, and nou hí mait get himself bak az hí kud.

Æen Dûk Pontif sò aat hí woz in an ívl kés, and hí gaæurd hiz worryurz around him, tú skór and ten líjonz, and fòt æe sekund grét batl ov Bulskampur agenst an óvurhwelmiþ multitúð ov Dragónianz. And Dûk Stronþbír stud aluf and wud not help him in hiz ekstremíti; but Dûk Dúitwel, and Dûk Heneman, and Horntosur, and Ȣárpsíkl, and æe uæur dúks and kaptinz fòt valyantli, and kept up æe fait sevn déz. For æe sed, Wí must nou ritrív æe dizasturz aat bifel us last yír bai rízn ov æe spektur. But hwen æe biheld æe kóhorts ov æe Dragónianz multiplaiþ, and

kumiñ on bai tenz and hundredz ov uouzandz, and sò æe touriñ plûmz ov Bóldrobin, and æe majestik straidz ov Lonstep, and herd æe uunduriñ ov Stónijaks kavalri, æe pursivd æer kés woz hóples. And gaauriñ up æe remnants ov æer broken bandz, æe méd æer wé bak, az best æe kud, and bituk æemselvz for çeltur tu æe stroñhóldz on æe bañks ov æe Boundarimárk.

Folóiñ çárp astur æe kiñz ármí ruçt æe lîjuz ov Stónijak and Lonstep, wiç Bóldrobin bihaiñd æem. Ærú æe Çainiñdór vali and óvur æe Boundarimárk rivur æe swept laik a hwurlwind. And ten uouzand ov æe Norland worryurz wer kípiñ gárd in æe vali ov æe Hárpurz, and æe wer háрпиñ and siñiñ soñz in préz ov Samuñkl and Fridíma, and ov Ozami æe mártur, for çat woz æe spot hwèr hí fel. And æe Dragónianz surrounded æem, and tuk æem kaptiv, and bad æem hañ æer hárpz on æe wilóz and siñ nó mór.

And æe kiñ woz sórli purplekst and sik at hárt, and hí went intu hiz klozet and çut æe dór, and préd tu æe God ov hevn, and vound a vou, séiñ, If God wil but giv mí rilíf çis wuns, æen wil ai nó longur dilé, but wil apoint æe Dragun hiz dé, and astur alouiñ him spés for ripentans, ai wil proklém a dikrí ov outlòri agenst him, and hí çal bí eksterminéted and distroid, and huñ up az a spektakl in æe sait ov òl négunz.

And æe kiñ woz in a grét strét, for hí hañd nó jenural on húm hí kud rilai tu líd hiz worryurz at sue a kritikal taim. For Dùk Miklmakl hañd ri-



turnd in dizounr from Riemantoun, and bisaidz aat, hí woz veri tendur ov æ Dragónianz, and hí had wornd æ kiŋ not tu mæk wor upon æ Dragunz ón royal persun, but ónli tu terifai him sumhwot bai draiviŋ bak hiz ármiz. Nor woz æ kiŋ wiliŋ tu entrust æ komand tu Dúks Pontif and Dúitwel, hú had olredi bin traid and found unébl tu kóp wiá æ dèriŋ proues ov Bóldrobin. Só hí kòld hiz kounselurz, Lord Síwordur, and Lord Blèriŋtrump, and Lord Stampon aat wóz æ kiŋz ármí-skraib. Aen sed Lord Stampon, Wí must hav a nú cíf; but ai uaurz priferd Dúk Miklmakl, for aé sed, Hí iz a Dimókrian, and if wí dismis him ðl æ Demókrianz wil dizert æ kiŋ, and aen wil it bí wurs wiá us aen it iz nou. And æ kiŋ sed, Rait; it iz not waiz tu swop horsez in æ midl ov a strím. Só Dúk Miklmakl woz sent forwurd wiá a grét ármí, and hí enkounturd æ Dragónianz in æ suurn mountinz ov Midlland, and set in aré agenst æm Horntosur wiá hiz líjunz, and Fraŋkman and Burriŋbrand, and aé méd a grét slòtur ov ai invédurz, and cést æm up æ saidz ov æ mountinz, and óvur æ roki krests, and down intu æ vali bihaind æm, hwèr woz a smòl rivur kòld Antíturz krík. Aen Bóldrobin krost æ strím, and tuk pozegun ov æ hilz aat lé in æ form ov a kresent on æ westurn baŋk, and priperd for a grét batl. And æ kiŋz ármí enkampt on ai ísturn said, and léd æmselvz down tu rest for æ nait, séiŋ, Tumoró is æ dé ov wor, hwic iz Wódenz.

And hwen æe ai-ópnr bigan tu klaim óvur æi ísturn hilz æe worryurz rouzd from æer slumburz and komenst æe fait. And æe batl wakst firfuli bludi and kontinyud ðl dé. On æe noru Horn-tosur réjd laik a madnd bul, and swept doun æe Dragónianz wiæ hiz artileri; but hí woz at leng wúnded and meni ov hiz kaptinz kild. And hwen Dûk Sumunur sò it hí sumund hiz band ov veturanz and prest forwurd tu fil up æe vékant raŋks and hóld fast æe ground æat had bin wun. Nou hwen æe núntaid woz past, æe Dragónian kol-umz róld tórd æe souu, and æer æé fel upon Burn-iŋbrand, hú woz krosiŋ æe rivur on æa stón brij in ordur tu kut of æer ritrit. Hír æé fòt til æe sŋn went doun, and æe kŋnz trúps rested on æer ármz, ekspektiŋ tu rinú æe batl on æe moró. But on æe moró nó batl kém, for Bóldrobin had disapírd. Æen sed Burniŋbrand and Horntosur, Nou iz our taim tu bí up and aftur æem; but Dûk Miklmakl sed, Nó, wí ár not ébl; for æe Dragónianz ár stron, and æé wil líd us intu an ambuç; sò hí let æem dipárt in kwaiet. And æé riturnd and went tu æer ón kuntri, and ripórted tu Prins Jefur and æe Dragun æe misforcunz æat had bifòln æem.

Hwen Magnus Mahárba sò æat hiz prér woz ansurd, and æat God had givn him æe vikturi óvur hiz enemiz, hí rimemburd hiz vou æat hí had méð, and hí sent for hiz skraibz and kòzd æem tu kopi æe raitiŋ hí had ritn, æat it mait bí skaturd amuŋ æe pípl. And hí sed wiæin

himself, Nou wil ai divaid mai enemiz, and ai wil ofur a riword tu aóz aat çal forsék æ Blak Dragon and riturn untu mí, and hwen ai hav bai cis mínz ríkvurd a pórçun ov æm, ai kan ízili subdû æ riméndur. Só hí kòzd æ raitiþ tu bí waizli and kèrfuli wurded, promisiþ tu æ pípl ov ðl æ provinsez aat çud rinouns and abjúr æ súpremasi ov æ Dragon, and in tókn ov ær obídiens send up ær mesenjurz tu æ grét kounsíl, aat æ past çud bí forgivn, and gé çud bí aloud tu mék ær ón guvurnment, and tu manej ær ón afèrs az afórtaim. And if æ nou submited æ çud bi pur-mited tu ritén ær helots in servis; or if æ wud konsent tu rilís æm for a ransom, æn hí wud prokûr from æ grét kounsíl æ prais at hwic æ çud bí valyud, and aftar aat æ kaptivz çud gó frí, and hí wud transpórt æm tu ær éngent kuntri or tu sum uaur hapi klaim. But for æ Dragon and aóz hú kontinyud tu fait hiz batlz, and tu kil æ sól-jurz ov Samuþkl, aftar æ píriud ov wun hundred déz, hwic wud terminét on æ furst dé ov æ Gét-muna ov æ nekst nû yír, ær çud bí nó párdn, and ðl æ helots aat servd æm çud bi set frí wiçout a ransom, and çud bí at liburti tu gó hwèr æ plízd, and æ kiþz ármiz çud not ristór æm tu ær opres-urz, but çud protekt and difend æm in ær frí-dum; and æus æ pour and glóri ov æ Dragon wud bí bròt tu an end, and hí wud periç and bi-kum ekstinkt, for hiz praid and for hiz tríz, and for hiz kraitm hwic hí had komited in ribeliþ agenst ai ouoriti and guvurnment ov æ kin.



## CAPTUR X.

**S**AMUNKL and hiz dōtur wer nou sumund tu æ pales. And æ kiŋ gōd æm æ rait-iŋ hī had ritn; and hī sed tu Samuŋkl, Fridíma çal nó longur bī a fūjitiv and a vagabond; hensfōra çí çal abaid in mai pales az a dōtur. For æ Blak Dragon haz kild and distroid our pípl, and haz rendurd himself unwurai ov protekçun; nevur-æles, it wud not bī rait to dipóz and baniç him wiçout giviŋ him a fèr oportūniti for ripentans and rekonsiliéçun. Ai hav ærfór givn him a hundred déz ov grés; let òl siŋz rimén az æé wer tīl æ taim bī past, and æen ai wil içu mai dikrí and dipóz him from hiz prinsli stét. And for Fridí-maz sék ai wil ransom æ Kuçanz from æer bon-dej; and ai wil puroes for æem sum hapi ailand hwiçur æé mé biték æemselvz and bī nó mór op-rest, and æe tendur hárt ov yúr jentl dōtur çal bī nó longur céft and tórŋ wiç æe kraiz and æe sufuriŋz ov ai inosent.

Æen sed Samuŋkl, Æe wurd ov æe kiŋ iz gud; but supóz æe Dragon çud aksept yúr ofur, and æe provinsez and pípl send up æer mesenjurz lufór ai ópniŋ ov æe Gétmuna, çal æen òl bī

ristórd az bifór? Çal æe laivz ov mai sóljurz hav bin sakrifaidz for nòt? Çal æe Kuçanz hú hav bifrended æem and lúst æer fit from æe snèrz, bí agen riturnd tu bondej? Çal æi éngent kuvenant bí rivaivd, and Fridíma bí yunaited for laif tu æat hidius óld monstur? For nó, ó kiñ, æat æe Blak Dragun çal nevur risív æe hand ov mai dòtur in marij; and mór æan æat, aftur hwot haz hapnd, hí and çí kanot liv upon æe sém kontinent; and stil furður, az mai ném iz Samuñkl, and az æe blud ov a jaiant rés flóz arú mai vénz, æis árm çal hunt him from çór tu çór, til hiz kárkas iz berid faiv æouzand façumz díp in æe solt sí, alop wiæ æe hundred æouzand hwaitniñ skel-etunz ov hiz mizurabl viktimz not yet kuvurd bai æi ensepulkuríñ úz!

Stop, stop, sed Magnus Mahárba, yú ár tú muc eksaited. Yú nó æat wí must dú justli, and obzerv æe kuvenant ov æe fáçurz. Ai hav but veri litl hóp æat æe nóblz and prinsez ov æe Dragun wil aksept mai ofur. Perhaps ai çal not suksíd wiæ æe pípl ov a singl provins. But if æé çud riturn at mai invitéçun, æer raits must bí rispekted. And aftur æé hav submited tu mai oçorití, if æé çud stil wiç tu onur and supórt æe Blak Dragun, subjekt tu æe lòz ov æe kuntri, wí kanot fórs æem tu baniç him from æer midst. But ai çal dú mai best tu purswéd æem, and wil giv æem olmóst eni févur æé ask if æé wil abandon him. Az tu giwiñ up Fridíma tu æe Dragun, if hí çud insist upon hiz klém, liv æat tu mí.

Ai wil endevur tu pasifai him wið a ransom. Trubl not yúrselſ and Fridíma wið yúsles fírſz ov hwot wil probabli nevur hapn. If it ġud unfor-  
cunetli bikum nesesari tu yunait Fridíma, in ak-  
ordans wið æi orijinal bond, tu wun for húm ġi  
haz nó afekġun, ai wil ték kèr aat ġi iz trítet  
wið evuri rispekt. Ģi ġal nevur, hwail ai liv, bí  
fórst tu okúpai æe poziġun ov a mínial. And  
ġi ġal bí aloud tu spend æe grétur pórgun ov  
evuri yír on hur févurit norðurn hílſ. Yúr dò-  
tur, ai am ġúr, wil olwez bí redi, az ai am,  
tu mék a sakrifaiſ ov hur ón praivet fíliſz hwen  
nesesari for æe salvéġun ov hur kuntri.

Ģen Fridíma kud nó lonġur kontén hurself, and  
ġi bigan tu krai and sob biturli. Kliſiſ klóslí  
tu hur fáður and líniſ hur hed upon hiz ġóldur,  
ġi tremblt in evuri lim, az an aspen líf tremblz  
in æe wind. And hwen ġi had pártli rikuvurd  
hurself ġi sed, Hwot iz æis aat æe kiſ haz dón?  
For æe kiſ haz put mai laif in jepurdi, and  
mai enemiz wil nou araiz and kombain for mai  
distrukġun, and wið æer flaturíſ wurdz æe wil  
disív æe kiſ, and az sún az æe hav méd æer píſ  
wið hím æe wil persikút mí mór æan evur, and  
æe púr inosent Kuġanz wil bí trodn tu æe dust,  
and hunted and kild upon æe mountinz and in æe  
valiz, and in æe kévz hwèr æe hav hid æemselvz.  
Ó hou kan ai endúr tu witnes æe sufuriſz ov æis  
kaind afekġunet pípl? For æe ár tu mí az ón  
bruðurz and sisturz, and eksept dilivurans bí grant-  
ed æem, let æe kiſ nó aġúredli aat ai ġal dai

wia æm, and mai prezens çal nevr mór bí a trubl tu æ kiṇ or tu hiz pípl, and mai ném çal periç and bí forgotn from amuṇ ai inhabitants ov ais land. And çí ruṇ hur handz for æ bitur gríf and angwiç ov hur sól.

Æen æ kiṇ woz trublð, and hí wept, and sed tu hur fáaur, Kumfurt æ médn, and pasifai hur, and dout not aat ðl wil yet bí wel. Só æé bíð hur drai hur tírz, and hur fáaur tóld hur hí woz preti çúr æ Dragónianz wud rijekt æ kiṇz propózal. Hur taim ov traial wud bí but for a fû wíks, and æen hur soróz wud ðl bí óvur, æ Blak Dragon wud periç and siṇk tu oblivion, æ kaptivz bí dilivurd from æer bondz, and ðl æ pípl wud hél hur az æ hapi kwín ov a nú and betur éj. But Fridíma kud not huç up hur krai-iṇ, and çí bisòt æ kiṇ aat hí wud let hur ritair tu æ forests and kompóz hurselç, and rimén æer til æ hundred déz wer past. Tu ais æ kiṇ wud not konsent, for hí sed, Çí wil lúz hur rizn if left alón wia ais aṇzaieti préiṇ upon hur. Hí fird olsó aat çí mait in a raç móment eskép from æ kuntri and flai tu sum vaur land, and só fulfil æ wurd çí had spókn, aat hí and hiz pípl çud sí hur nó mór. Hí kept hur æerfór in æ pales, kærfuli woct and gárded, and hí gév hur æ best rúm, and invaited hur fáaur and frendz tu vizit hur evuri dé, aat æé mait súa and enkurej hur. Notwistandiṇ ól æer efórtz tu mék hur hapi, æé kud not ristór hur tu hur nacural bwoiansi. For Fridíma felt aat çí woz a priznur, and aat çí woz stil in

dénjur ov a fét wurs aan dea, and aat aær woz nó sertinti ov rilíf for æ kaptivz óvur húz bondej gí mórnd. Ofn in æ nait gí wud wék from stártliḡ drímz, hur hárt arobiḡ konvulsivli. And evuri dé gí lisnd wia intens inturest tu æ rúmurz, hweaur ov pís or wor, aat kém from Sunland, hópiḡ, yet skèrsli dèriḡ tu bilív, aat æ Dragun wud pur-sist in hiz foli til hiz dé ov grés woz past. Sum-taimz, hwen wòkiḡ in æ pales groundz, gí wud riflekt biturli on æ kondukt ov æ kiḡ, séiḡ aat hí woz unjust, and aat hí had nó rait tu ofur æ Kuḡanz az a braib tu win bak æ Dragónianz. Gí kud not understand ai óld kuvenantz, nor æ kiḡz eksplanéḡun ov æm; for gí sed if æ kuve-nants wer for uphóldiḡ injustis aé wer an abhor-ens tu æ God ov hevn, az muc az aé wer tu hur. And furaur, gí did not bilív a robur kud akwair æ rait tu rob bai mékiḡ a kuvenant wia eni bodi eksept æ párti tu bí robd; and it woz not pri-tended aat æ Kuḡanz had enturd intu eni ov æ kuvenants kwóted bai æ kiḡ in justifikéḡun ov æ Dragunz oḡoriti tu opres. Az for hurself, gí dímd it a grós outréj for hur fáaur or eni wun els tu mék kuvenants and alaiansez for hur agenst hur wil, and gí kòld upon òl æ wiḡed énjelz tu lend aær pinyunz and bèr hur tu sum uaur sfír, if ær ḡud evur bí an atemt tu fórs hur intu æ Dragunz ármz.

But hwen æ Dragonianz herd ov æ kiḡz ofur and æretniḡ aé diraided æm and sed, Wí hav but tu hólð on and bí form a litl longur, and æ vik-



turi iz ourz. And æe kin agen sent for hiz ofisurz and bad æem put æer ármiz in mógun, and máre direktli agenst æe kapital and pales ov æe Dragon. And Dûk Burninbrand woz komigund tu lîd æe wé. And hwen hí had rîet æe Rapidnokîñ rivur and krost óvur tu æi vaur said, hí sò bifór him a hai hil and around it a grét and stron wòl. And hwen hí drú nîr, it bikém a wòl ov fair, and belst fóru gourz ov dea-dlíñ misilz amon hiz worryurz. And meni ov æem fel ded upon æe plén, and æe ritrited wuns and agen bifór æe fairi rúin. And Horntosur begd ov Burninbrand æat hí wud kíp awé from æe wòl, for hí woz fraitnd at æe numburz ov æe slén. But Burninbrand wud not lîs, for hí sed æe must gén pozegun ov æe hil, kost hwot it mait. Só hí wévd aloft hiz flé-mîñ brand in æe presens ov hiz hól ármî for æe surd taim, and æe ruçt forwurd, and æe Dragónianz mód æem doun az bifór, and paild æe plén wiæ æe ded and daiiñ, ívn ten souzand men. And Burninbrand had yet fór skór and ten souzand worryurz left; and æstur æe sun went doun hí gaaurd hiz dûks and cîfs in kouñsil, and tóld æem æat hwen æe morniñ brók æe must dag æe remnant ov æer ármî wuns mór upon æe wòl, íf peradvencur æe mait ték it. And òl æe cîfs bigan tu murmur, for æe sed, Hwai gud wí ripít æis foli, and bít out æe brénz ov æe kinz sóljurz bai uróîñ æem agenst æe wòl, hwen wí kanot ríc æe Dragónianz æat ár bihaînd it? Æen Dûk Burninbrand sò æat hiz supórturz had òl féld him,

and hí woz hailli displízd, and ordurd ai ármí tu bí wiadròn tu æ noræurn baŋk ov æ rivur, And ær woz grét wélin and lamentégun arúout Norland for æ ten souzand worryurz aat had fólh bifór æ fairi wòl. And hwen æ Drægun sò it hí grind from ír tu ír, and bikém mór ditermind æan evur not tu submit tu æ kiŋ or risív hiz ofurd párdn.

Dùriŋ æ hól taim ov probégun aat had bin givn tu æ Blak Drægun, ai ármiz ov æ kiŋ wer put tu æ wurs bifór ær enemiz. For æ kud nó longur hír æ vois or risív æ mesejez ov Fridíma, and æ pour ov hur ném az a woowurd woz lost. And sum ov æ profets aat wer ov ai Iradikéturz sed aat God woz angri wiæ æem for ofuriŋ tu pteces ai alaianz and gud wil ov æ Drægun wiæ æ toil and tírz and laifblud ov æ Kuçanz, and aat æ stárz in ær kórsez wer faitiŋ agenst æem, and aat æé wud nevur bí ébl tu koŋkur ær enemiz until Fridíma woz aloud tu réz hur banur óvur ðl æ land for æ protekçun ov ðl ai inhabitants æerov.

And Dúk Rózikroun, hú had bin sent tu woo æ múvments ov Grétbrag biyond æ Ajur klifs and Aligétur mountenz, rizolvd aat æ yír gud not pas wiæout æ glóri ov sum vikturi for História tu rikord in hur daiari. Hí æerfór gaavrd tugeaur hiz bandz aat wer skaturd abròd, tú skór and ten lŋunz, and máret tórd Muçaurzburó, hwèr Grétbrag and Brékiŋbrij and fifti lŋunz ov Dragónian worryurz had piot æer tents and bilt æer ki-

cenx, and had sat doun tu it and drink, and tu mék æmselvz kumfurtabl for æ wintur. And hwen æ herd æat Rózikroun woz advansin æ róz up in hést, and kém out tu giv him batl on æ banxs ov æ Stónifork rivur. And hwen æurti déz ov æ Dóziembur munu had past, and æi éjed yír, sik and sad-hárted, havin léd himself doun tu dai, unfólded hiz mantl tu ték wun mór soróful luk at æ morniñ sun, æen æe tú ármiz bigan æèr dedli fré. And æe Dragónianz ruçt upon Rózikroun in æèr fûri, and hí kud not stand bifór æem, and æe swept doun hiz lřjunz bai hundredz and æouzandz, ívn faiv æouzand men; and æe tuk tú æouzand kaptivz and twenti grét gunz. Æen Rózikroun fel bak tu æe plés hí okúpaid at æi ópniñ ov æe fait, and æèr hí held fast hiz ground, and gææurd hiz worryrz around him, and bad æem ték hárt wun mór, and rimembur æat æe dárkest our woz just bifór æe brékiñ dòn.

And só it prúvd; for æe veri nekst dé æe skél ov 'batl turnd, and æe garlandz ov vikturi blos-umd on æe brou ov Rózikroun. And hí turnd upon 'hiz enemiz, and æe fled bifór him, and hí cést æem tu æèr kamps, and dróv æem souæwurd wia æe grét slòtur.





## CAPTUR XI.

**F**ÓRDZ ai end ov æ hundred déz Fridma grú mór and mór eksaitabl, and hur purpecual wociṇ for æ slaitest hwispur ov dout or ov hóþ had givn hur a won oík and a fivurd puls. Æe déz wer kèrfuli kounted, and at lenṇ gí bigan tu kount æ ourz. On æ last dé hur aṇzaieti woz só intens aat gí wud stárt at æ rusliṇ ov a líf, fansiṇ aat mesenjurz had kum from æ Blak Dragon. Fainali, hwén gí sò æ sun gó down and klóz its glèriṇ and bludḡot ai biní æ silkn frinjez ov æ twailait, and hwen æ sòt ruḡt upon hur brén aat æ loṇ aguni woz óvur, and aat hur destini woz séf, gí brók fóru íntu a konvulsiv ḡrik and swúnd awé. Hwen gí had rikuvurd gí found hurself surrounded bai hur fácur and frendz, hú had kum tu kongraculét hur upon hur gud forcun, and æ dilivurans ov æ kaptivz from ær prizn-hous. And òl aat simpasaizd wiæ hur, in tounz and sitiz, gaçurd tugeaur tu woc ai outgóiṇ ov æ melankoli yír, and tu pré for æ hapi entrans ov a betur éj.

But æ nait woz dárk and glúmi, and strénj noizez wer herd, and hwisliṇz in æ èr, and a

flapiñ ov wiñz, az ov dímonz enrédj bikòz àèr taim woz çort. And æ glúm rested upon æ land til midnait. And hwen æ Gétmuna hwic ópnd intu æ nû fra bigan tu turn upon its hinjez, and æ grét belz in æ tourz komenst àèr riñiñ, ær kém a soft hwait lait aat spreð its rédians óvur æ skai, and çón in at æ windóz, and wia it a swít meltdi az ov distant worbliñz, and òl aat herd it sed, It iz æ sound ov æ kumiñ fra! Ci éñjelz ár siñiñ àèr óld soñ ov Pís on eru and gud wil tu men! And æ burdz in àèr bourz sòt æ morniñ had kum; and æé tú bigan tu worbl melódusli; and soft gélz kém up from Sunland, laik æ gélz ov Arabi, lédn wia diliçus perfúmz. And òl æ pípl bigan tu siñ, and Fridíma sañ, and æ ourz glaided bai bifór æé wer awèr, and æ morniñ brók.

And az æ dé advanst æ pípl wéted in ankçus ekspektéçun for æ kiñz dikrí hwic hí had promist, and æé sed, Iz not ais æ dé for liburétiñ æ kaptivz? And iz not æ dé ov grés for æ Dragun past? Iz not hiz dúm tu bí pronounst ais dé? And sum sed, Magnus Mahárba nevur yet brók hiz word; vaurz sed, Hí dèr not baniç æ Dragun or dipraiv him ov hiz servants; vaurz, aat it wud not bí just; vaurz stíl, aat it wud bí biyond æ kiñz pour tu kari suc a dikrí intu eksikúçun.

Çen æ kiñ gaaurd hiz ministurz and skraibz, and sed, Yí nó æ worniñ aat haz bin givn; and nou æ wurd aat haz bin spókñ must bí akom-

pliçt. Só hí inkwaird hou meni provinsez ær wer aat had sent nó mesenjurz tu æ grét kounsil. And æé ansurd him, Ten. And hí kòzd ær némz tu bí inserted in æ dikrí hwic hí had pri-pèrd. And æ form ov æ raitiñ woz ais :

Hwèraz æ Blak Dragun, éded bai tríznaþl and wiked kounselurz, haz méd wor agenst hiz kiñ and kuntri, and ærbai forfeited ðl rait tu protek-çun ;

And hwèraz a proklaméçun haz bin méd giviñ worniñ and taim for ripentans, and ofuriñ párdn tu ðl pípl and provinsez in ármz, on kondiçun ov ær submiçun wiain æ píriud ov wun hundred déz, hwic hundred déz hav ekspaid ;

Nou, ærfór, ai, Magnus Mahárba, kiñ ov æ Yunaited Oksident, dú publiç and diklèr aat ðl persunz held kaptiv wiain æ folóin provinsez, tu wit: Vurjinland, Norð and Souð Karulurz, Gorusland, Flouriglédz, Ailandbámi, Fácurwotur, Árk-énjel, Lúisland, and Tékusin, ár hensfóra and çal forever bí Frí; and ær frídum çal bí menténd bai æ naçunal ármí and névi; and æé çal bí emploid tu garisun fórts and tu serv ær kuntri, and tu lébur for wéjez hwèrevur æé cúz; and æé çal hav æ rait ov self difens if aséld bai ær enemiz.

And æ lordz and kounselurs ov æ kiñ aprúvd æ dikrí. And æ ministur aat woz óvur æ kiñz trejuri sed, Let it bí aded aat ais akt iz purformd in æ ném ov justis, and dedikéted tu Olhnaiti God. And æ kiñ konsented. And hí saind æ dikrí, hí and Lord Síwordur, and æé

síld it wia æ grét síl and sent it fóru tu bí  
publigt arúout ðl æ land.

Æen æ kiŋ kòld Fridíma and tóld hur aat hí  
had fulfild his promís, and aat gí gud nevr mór  
bí trublð or persikúted bai æ Blak Dragon, but  
gud bí at liburti tu róm at hur plejur arú æ hól  
kuntri, Sunland az wel az Norland, and tu risív  
æ luv and homej ov ai inhabitants and æ grét-  
ful aapks ov æ liburéted Kuçanz, and aat hur  
ném gud bí inskraibð on ðl æ kiŋz banurz. Hí  
aded olsó æ hóp aat gí mait wun dé bikum kwín  
ov ðl négunz. Æen Magnus Mahárba tuk hur  
hand and kist it, and begð hur forgivnes for  
hwotevr roŋ hí mait hav ðun hur. And gí kist  
æ kiŋ on bóu cfs, and æ kiŋ wept. For Fri-  
díma bñŋ ov hevnli orijin aer woz a kurent ov  
silescal flektrísiti aat flóð from hur lips az æ tuct  
æ kiŋz cfs, penetrétiŋ hiz hól frém and kindliŋ  
in hiz brest æ sém flém ov impárçal benevolens  
tu ðl pípl wia hwic gí hurselŋ woz inspaird. And  
æ kiŋ bikém az a nû man, and hí felt widin  
himself aat hí had nou risívd æ trú royal anoint-  
iŋ, and from aat our hí woz evur redi and wiliŋ  
tu lé ðoun hiz laif for ai objekt ov hiz divóçun.  
And hiz lordz, wun aftar anuaur, tuk æ hand  
ov Fridíma and kist it. And æ akumpanid hur  
out intu æ strits ov æ siti, and a çout laik æ  
sound ov maiti aunduriŋz grited hur az gí múvd  
alon. And æ pípl stród rózez in hur paŋ, and  
æ Kuçanz gaçurd around hur, and arú æmselvz  
at hur fit, and wept for ekses ov joi.

And móst wundurful it woz tu sí hou æ hól  
 Oksident braitnd wia dilait az ai ekóz ov æ siles-  
 cal mûzik flóted awé on æ wiþz ov æ wind tu  
 æ distant mountenz, and arú æ valiz and for-  
 ests, and hwèr æ rijoisiþ rivurz went póriþ ær  
 kristal fludz intu æ sí. And ai evurgrinz ópnd  
 ær brancez lúviþli tu æ gélz aat kist æm az æ  
 went past; and ai aisiklz aat huþ around æ  
 hwaitnd top ov Meunt Égûcþk sofnd intu tírz ov  
 tendurnes; and ðl aloþ æ Roki krest aat óvur-  
 luks æ Písful Sí, ai íglz wer out on poized wiþ,  
 survéiþ æ nú bûtiz ov æ wurld biná æm; and  
 æ kloudz huþ out ær luvliest banurz ov red,  
 hwait and blú ðl óvur æ skai; and aí óçunz sent  
 of ær worm kurents tu melt æ aisburgz, and tu  
 swíp around ai ailandz and æ Grét Orient, and  
 tu ról up ær wévz óvur æ Bárbarus górz ov Ku-  
 ça, and æ burniþ sandz ov Ófur, and æ grín del-  
 taz ov æ Flouri Land, and tu woç out æ fut-  
 prints and æ blúdsténz hwic æ Blak Dragun and  
 hiz fácur had left bihaind æm in evuri kuntri  
 hwèr æ had had ær habitéçun.







## CAPTUR XII.

**A**ATUR aan brék æe æred ov mai narativ in ai íst, ai uòt it betur tu bí sumhwot tárdi in síziñ æe strin ov okurensesz aat hapnd in æe west: Aat lain ai nou ték up. Súu aftur æe Dragun koménst hiz wor, æer woz a maiti komógun in æe granit hilz hwèr æe Fáaurwotur haz hiz sórsesz, and in æe waid and fertil plénz urú hwic æé fló. For æe Dragun had urón an aiurn cén akros æe canel ov komûnikégun, and wud nó loñgur alou æe norauru kanúz and trédiñbóts tu gó up and doun az afórtaim. For æe brancez óv æe Fáaurwotur ár spred óvur æe sentral rijun ov ai Oksident az æe brancez ov a trí spred urú ai èr; and az æe burdz and skwurelz ár alármd hwen æé sí a serpent twainiñ around æe trunþk biló æem, só wer æe dwelurz upon æe westurn woturz fild wiá konsturnégun hwen æé found æe Dragun woz uróin hiz koilz akros æe grét rivur and bairdiñ it wiá céuz ov aiurn, aat hí mait mék it a slév and a bondman, ívñ az hí had dun tu æe Kuçanz. And æe pípl wer rouzd, and pórd doun from æer hilz laik torents in æe sprinþaim, and æé sed, Hwèrevur our strímlets gó, æer wil wí gó, and

æer çal bí nó cénz upon our woturz, from æ  
gouzand léks, hwèr our Miniçúturz hunt æ waild-  
foul, tu æ Grét Bésn ov æ Miksiŋkan, hwèr æ  
woturz mít and mingl wiæ æ sí.

And æer dwelt amuŋ æ hunturz a tuf and stub-  
urn worryur húm æ kòld Granit, and hí woz  
dresiŋ æ skinz ov waild bísts aat had bin kild in  
æ mountenz hwen hí herd æ tûmult and mur-  
muriŋ ov æ pípl. Az sún az æé tóld him ov æi  
insult tu æ Fáaurwotur, hí sent and ofcrd hiz  
servisez tu Samuŋkl. And Samuŋkl spók for him  
tu æ kiŋ, and æ kiŋ sent him a komiçun tu  
kut a paæ doun æ Fáaurwotur and ópn æ canel  
só aat æ çips ov æi Admirabl Fèrigift, hwic lé  
in æ Grét Bésn, mait hav a frí pasej up and  
doun æ strím.

Çen Dùk Granit gaaurd a grét hóst ov æ Hil-  
anoiourz, and æ Haiawéz, and æ Waizkounselurz,  
and æ Miliçagunurz, and æ Miniçúturz, and hí  
máret æm doun tu æ bordur ov Sunland, and  
méð preparéçunz tu advans upon Mumifés and  
Wikedburg, tú grét sitis aat lé lóur doun on æ  
banks ov æ Fáaurwotur. And æer kém up from  
æ souæ a worryur aat wud not entur intu æ  
kounselz ov æ Dragónianz, húz ném woz Çúr-  
man, and hí joind himself tu æ kiŋz ármiz, and  
woz sent out tu fait bai æ said ov Dùk Granit.  
And bikòz ov æ grétnes ov æ burdn aat rested  
upon æ çóldurz ov æiz tú ciftenz, æ spirits ov tú  
óld worryurz aat had left æ planet kém bak and  
enturd intu æm, and pozest æm, and méð æm

stroþ for batl. And aé kém tu æm in drímz ov æe nait, and infúzd intu æem a pórgun ov æer ón kwolitiz. And hí æat tuk pozeğun ov Dúk Çúrman woz wuns a fémus cíf in æi Oksident, and woz kòld Tikumsi; hwail æe mentor æat inspired Dúk Granit woz an éngent híró bai æe ném ov Yulisíz, æat formurli dwelt in æi Órient.

And Dúk Granit bikém waiz and kògus, and hí wud not múv doun æe Fáaurwotur until hí had sikúrd æe kuntri on hiz left and rait, só æat æi enemi kud not kum in bihaind him. Nou æer wer tú lárj and veri kruked strímz æat róz in æi Ali-gétur mountenz, and ran up tórdz Norland, az if aé wiçt tu entur æe púrur ríjonz hwèr Fridíma rizaided. And aé went windiṇ aloṇ said bai said, veri nír íc uaur, for a loṇ distans, until aé ríct æe Haiurwotur rivur, hwic bfiṇ a strongur strím óvur-pourd æem and turnd æem bak intu æe Fáaurwotur, nír æe suaurmóst point ov Norland, at a plés hwèr purpecual kloudz ov Íjipçan dárknes obskúr æe vijun ov æi inhabitants. And æe pípl hú livd on æe baṅks ov aíz rivurz, hwen aé sò hou luviṇli aé klup tugeaur in æer kórs, sed, Cíz ár twin bræurz; and aé kòld æem Twin Síz. Æe noræurn strím woz olsó nón bai æe vulgar ném ov Kumburground. And hwen Dúk Granit pursívd æat æe Twinsí kuntri woz æe kí ov æe Fáaurwotur vali, and sò æe despuret éfórts æat wer méd bai æe Dragónianz tu hóld it for æer batl ground, hí ditermind æat hiz furst faitiṇ çud bí æer. Só hí sent up Raitfut, æe komandur ov hiz çips, tu storm æe stroþhóldz ov æe Twinsí hwic lé on hiz

rait. Aftur aíz had bin tékn, Dûk Granit múvd forwurd on æ left tu æ Kumburground, and surrounded æ kasl ov Dòniṣsun, hwèr a grét ármí ov Dragónianz wer gaaurd. And æ Dragónian komander, Dûk Flaiiṣṣíf, aséd tu fait, but æ nor-æurn mountenírz óvurpourd him, and mounted hiz bulwurks, and kut down æ bóldest ov hiz worryurz, and prest æm sórli til naitfòl. And hwen Flaiiṣṣíf sò aat æ batl had gon agenst him, and aat hí and hiz lṣjonz must bikum kaptivz on æ moró, hí uòt ov òl hiz æfts and hiz roburiz hwic hí had komited, and hí woz afréd tu surendur himself tu æ kī, lest hí ġud bí trited laik a mal-efaktur az hí woz, and bí huṣ up bai æ nek. Só hí kòld hiz lestenant, and gév him hiz plámz and hiz epolets, and plést him in hiz sted, and instruktet him hwot tu dú on æ moró. And hwen hí had put òl sūnz in ordur, hí róz up and tuk hiz Piló undur hiz árm, and fled, and móð hiz eskép in æ dárknes ov æ nait, and woz herd ov nó mór.

And æ nekst dé woz æ dé ov æ Sun, hwic woz a sékred dé, and hwen æ mornīṣ brók and Dòniṣsun kasl bígan tu glitir in æ góldn lait, æ lestenant hēsnd tu mék híz submīṣun, and tu dilivur intu æ handz ov æ viktur ól hiz worryurz aat riménd alaiv. And æ kountet æ numbur ov æ kaptivz and found æm tu bí aurtín gouzand men.

Ġen æ Granit Dûk turnd hiz fés agen tu æ west, and tuk up hiz lain ov márc for æ Fáaur-

wotur. But hwen hí had krost æ Twinsí hí found Dûk Pretigárd wia a grét ármi in hiz frunt, nír a templ aat woz nón az æ Saight Cure. And æ tú ármiz joind batl, and æ fòt urú tú déz, hwic wer æ déz ov æ Sun and Mún, and æen rested, bikòz æ plés woz só aikli kuvurd wia pailz ov ded and daiiñ aat æ kud nó longur múv óvur æ ground. And æ kounted æ slén and wúnded ov æ kiñz ármi and found æ numbur woz twais ten uouzand; but æ Dragónian ded wer tú númurus tu kount. And Pretigárd sent and bisòt Prins Jefur aat hí wud giv him mór worryurz, lest æ Granit Dûk gud síz upon æ Fáaurwotur, and æ grét vali bí forevur lost. And grét numburz wer sent on tu sukur him; and hí gaaurd æem around æ Korin gian kolunz aat stud bai æ ródsaid on æ wé tu Mumifés. But Dûk Granit went forwurd and disperst æem; and hí prest on tu Mumifés and tuk it. And hí brók æ cén aat had bin street akros æ Fáaurwotur, and distroid æ Dragunz wotur-ramz aat wer swimiñ up and doun æ rivur, and butiñ at evuri aiñ aat kém in æer wé. Æen hí múvd doun æ rivur tu atak æ Wiked siti. And hí found it woz bilt hai and stron, and terest up from æ wotur baturiz tu æ sumit, and its wòlz wer ful ov dárk hólz urú hwic òl manur ov burniñ gelz and aiurn bòlz wer çourd upon æ çips aat atempted tu pas, and upon evuri enemi aat vengurd nai. And wun ov æ kiñz ofisurz sed, Let us mék a nú ród for æ Fáaurwotur, aat hí mé fló tu æ

sí bai a strét canel, at a distans from æe siti, and bí nó longur difaild bai kontakt wiæ its polûted soil. Só æé dug a nû canel bròd and lárj; but æe Fáaurwotur woz óld and slugiç, and wud not cénj hiz kórs tu akomodét æe nû-fangld nóçunz íaur ov frendz or fóz.

Æe nû íra ov Fridíma woz nou nai at hand; but Dûk Granit, laík Rózikroun, woz impéçent for sum vikturi bifór æi óld yír çud klóz. Só hí kòld Dûk Çúrman, in húm hí ripózd konfidens, and sent him down æe strím wiæ ordurz tu land hiz ármí on æi ísturn çór just abuv Wikedburg, and mék an atak from æe noræ. And Dûk Çúrman went and efekted a landiñ az hí woz ordurd. And ærí déz bifór æe nû yír hí led hiz trúps up tu æe wòlz ov æe siti, and ærí æouzand ov hiz worryurz wer smitn down bai æe fairi bízum æat swept óvur and around æem. And æe ground hwèr æé trod woz soft and mairi, and at ívntaid æe skaiz pórd down æèr réni torents, and æe wúnded and daiiñ suñk intu æe mair and lé òl nait in pitiful helplesnes and mizuri. And hwen æe morniñ woz kum, Dûk Çúrman askt purmiçun tu beri hiz ded and briñ awé hiz wúnded, hwio woz granted. And hwen hí had purformd æe last sad ofisez for hiz fòln kumradz, hí gaaurd æe rez-idú ov hiz worryurz, and plést æem on bórd hiz veselz and bròt æem bak tu æèr kampiñ ground at Milkiñpenz.

Aftur æis félyur Dûk Granit bigan tu divaiz nû skimz for dislojiñ æe Dragónianz from æe haits

hwèrin aé trusted. And hí sent out hiz çips and hiz pásfaindurz tu penetrét æ léks and swomps and Roundabout báyz on æ rait hand and on æ left, if purcans aé mait faind a wé for hiz çips and ármi wiáout pasiñ undur æ wòlz ov æ siti, but aé kud faind nen. And hwen hí sò aat æ Gét-munz had kum and gon, and æ kúl munz ov Febrifúj had olsó past awé, and æ Marciñ munz woz nou fár advanst, hí ditermind tu send hiz wor çips strét doun æ strím and run æm past æ siti undur kuvur ov a dárk nait, hwail hí wiá hiz ármi máret doun bai a surkúitus ród on æ west. And æ çips and galiz wer lúst from ær múriñz, and haviñ put out ær laits, aé drifted slóli bai æ frouniñ batlments, and wer not diskuvurd til aé wer olmóst biyond r/c. Æen æ Dragónianz laited up ær fairz, and hwen aé sò aat æ çips had gon bai, ær hiltops rizounded wiá réj, and æ spit out aftur æm strímz ov brimstón and fair, but ðl tu nó purpus. And Dúk Granit bròt hiz ármi around in séfti, and haviñ rijoind hiz veselz hi krost óvur and kém in bihaind æ siti, and bisfjd it. And hí aréd hiz gunz agenst it, bóu from æ land said and from æ wotur, and rénd upon it a storm ov fair bai dé and bai nait. And Dúk Pepurkorn, hú stud wociñ upon æ wòlz, woz indignant, and hí priperð tu difend himself tu æ last.



### CAPTUR XIII.

**I**N MAGNUS had nou plést Dûk Smúa-  
banks in cárj ov æ lóur rjzun ov æ  
Fáaurwotur, and Fèrigift and Dûpomp  
wer óvur æ çips. And bikòz Horntosur  
woz brév and dèriṇ, and woz níaur tim  
urus laik Miklmakl nor infleksibl laik Bur-  
niṇbrand, hí apointed him tu bí æ lídur  
ov ai ísturn ármí, and tóld him tu sí if hí kud not  
pluk sum ov æ feaurz from æ krest ov Bóldrob-  
in. Æen Horntosur put himself at æ hed ov hiz  
woryurz, and hí sent of Dûk Stóniman wiá fór  
lįzun ov horsmen tu raid urú Vurjinland, and tu  
brék doun æ brijez, and tu let lús æ canelz ov  
æ wotur-fludz, and tu daç around æ wòlz ov  
Riemantoun, and æus distrakt hiz enemiz, hwail hí  
wiá hiz hól ármí aséld æem in frunt. And on æ  
sekund dé ov æ Meri muna æ tú ármiz met at  
Calenjurzvil, and æé had a hot and bludi batl ov  
tú déz. On æ furst dé ov æ fait sum ov æ kiṇz  
sóljurz bikém konfûzd, and sò spekturz, and turnd  
tu flai. But az æé fled Dûk Bludisikl plést himself  
in æer páa, brandiçṇ hiz bléd wiá wun hand and  
hóldiṇ a çortçútur in ai vaur. And hí dróv æem  
bak, and æé turnd agen upon æ æunduriṇ lįzun



ov Stónijak, and fòt til æ sun went doun, and æn æ batl went on bai múnlaít. And a sílescal wocur aat woz lukiñ out from bihaind æ silvur lainiñ ov a kloud, hwen hí sò upon æ banurz ov Horntosur æ ném ov æ gud Fridíma, and pursívd aat hur kòz woz in dénjur, stept doun upon æ plén hwèr æ fait woz aikest, and arú a vél óvur ai aiz ov æ men aat folód Stónijak. And æé kud not sí æ fés ov ær lídur distinktli, and hí apírd tu æm laik a Fridónian, and æé leveld ær loñgúturz and pórd ær fair upon him, and hí fel doun and daíd. Æe nekst morniñ Bóldrobin rinúð æ batl, and hurld hiz kolunz fúriusli agenst æ Fridónian rañks. But Horntosur put forwurd æ Beriñ Dúk and æ Burniñ Dúk tu rizist him, and æé óvurkém him, and kuvurd æ ground wia hiz ded. And Beriñ Dúk himself woz slén. And ær fel ov æ Dragóuianz étin gouzand men; and ov æ Fridónianz fiftin gouzand.

And Horntosur woz trubld bikòz hí kud not hír æ hufbíts ov Stónimananz horsez, for æé wer nou fár aivé; and hí sed, Peradvencur hí haz met wia dizastur. And hwail hí wéted and lisnd tu kac ai ekó ov hiz trampin, æ kloudz dárknd and a grét storm ov rén fel from æ skai, and æ Rapidrun and Rapidnokiñ rivurz kém aunduriñ doun from æ mountenz, on hiz rait and hiz left, and aretnd tu engulf him in ær torents. And hwen hí sò æ fludz aat wer raiziñ around him, hí fírd aat hiz lain ov ritrit wud bí kut of; só hí

wiadrú hiz ármí, and aé riturnd drúpiṅ and dounkast tu Fòlnmouṅ and rested àèr.

Prins Jefur woz nou fléted, and hí tuk kounsel wiá æ Dragun and sed, Cis iz æ taim for us tu gó our streṅṅ, for æ koronégun dé ov Fridíma iz at hand, and æ Normen ár priperiṅ tu selebrét it wiá pomp and rijsiṅ sué az woz nevur nón. For aé hav ripúdiéted our alaians forevur, and hav olredi léd àèr planz for mariṅ Fridíma tu æ Prins Íkwoliti, hú aspairz tu æ suvurenti ov ui Órient, and hwen æ yúnyun iz efekted aé tugeaur wil rúl æ wúrlð. But let us pul out æ pilarz from undur wíz fain èrkasz, and put a stop tu àèr koronégun déz, and turn àèr holidéz and àèr rijsiṅz intu mórnful wélinz and bitur tírz. For wí ár wel ébl tu send our ármiz intu Norland, and wí wil ték pozeṅun ov àèr kiṅ and hiz kapital, and æ sitiz and tounz and stroṅhóldz ṅal ópn àèr géts at our apróc, and ðl æ góld and silvur ov æ land ṅal bí ourz. For Prins Jefur had síkret éjents in Bruçursiti and Góṅam, and ðl æ grét tounz, hú stud wétiṅ tu ópn æ géts; and olsó dénjurus serpents, kòld Kóbraz, tu bí let lús upon æ pípl ov íc siti az fast az æ Dragónian ármí kém on.

And æ Dragun aprúvd ov Prins Jefurz planz, and aé sent ordurz tu Bóldrobin tu pres forwurd, and aé wud giv him az meni sóljurz az hí níd-ed. And aé gaaurd àèr fórsez from ai íst and west, and æ worryurz wer laik lókusts for multítúð, and àèr ṅadó dárknd æ land. And aé

tuk up ær lain ov márc for æ kiŋz pales, but Horntosur stud in ær paŋ and privented æm. Só æé drú of tórd æ west, and went bai wé ov æ mountenz arú æ Lafingap and Çainiŋdór. And æé krost æ Boundarimárk rivur and enturd intu æ Penwud valiz, plunduriŋ and distroiŋ az æé went.

And æ Normen sò aat æ taim ov ær sór traial woz kum; for if æé kud not bít bak æ viktórus lŋunz ov Sunland æé must bikum ær bondmen and serv æm forever. And æ Penwudianz sent in hést for helpurz tu ðl ai rŋun round about; and æ kiŋ kòld upon æ rúlorz ov æ provinsez tu lend ær éd and ról bak æ tail ov invéjun. And hí sent of ordurz tu hiz ȝips and worryurz aat wer upon ai ísturn ȝór tu múv up æ rivurz and atak æ Dragon in hiz rír. Qen Jefur woz grétli alármd and sent of in hést tu kòl bak Bóldrobin, but it woz tú lét, for hí woz nou far up in the Penwud hilz.

And sevn déz bifór koronéȝun dé æ kiŋ sent for Dúk Huniwotur, and gév him komand ov ai ármiz, and cárjd him tu múv wérili, and tu briŋ Bóldrobin intu hiz snèr, and bai nó mínz sufur him tu eskép and riturn tu hiz mástur. And Dúk Huniwotur pursívd aat æ strugl wud bi despuret and bludi; and hí silekted æ vali ov Deusburg for hiz batl fíld, and márçald hiz hósts on Sepulkur hil, souu ov æ siti, and gév ordurz tu hiz oífs aat if æé sò eni worryur turn hiz bak tu æ fó, æ penalti ȝud bí instant dea.

And Boldrobin, sūn æ plés hí had silekted, méð hiz wé tu æ sém spot, and tuk pozeğun ov æ hilz on æ noru, and ai Ókn rijež on æ west, húž ívniņ ċadóž arú a klasik būti óvur æ písful vél. And aiur hí bròt hiz infantri, and hiz kavalri, and hiz ártíluri, a hundred and fifti grét gunz, and fild æ wudz wiā hiz worlaik aré.

And on æ furst dé ov æ munu Július æ batl bigan. For Bóldrobin woz anķgus tu fait bifor æ trúps ov Huniwotur had ðl kum up; só hí hésted and put forwurd Dūk Erlistárt, hú fel hevili upon æ Fridónian bandz aat wer in advans ov æ rest, and kapcurd about arí ģouzand men. Ae nekst dé æ kontest woz rinūd wiā stil grétur fūri, and æ kanun pórd ær aiurn storm upon æ Round tops and Granit spurz ov Sepulkur hil, and tór arú æ wudi aikets ov æ Wulvz' mounten; and ai ártíluri ov æ Normen píld and splinturd ai éncent Óks binā hwic æ Dragónianz had tékn ċeltur. And æ dūks ov Bóldrobin hú had led æ asolt upon Sepulkur hil, riturnd tu ær cíf hwen æ sun went doun, tu konsult and tu risív ordurz for æ moró. For ðl nū aat æ nekst dé wud bí æ turniņ point ov viktori or difit, and az ais batl went, só æ bilívd wud turn æ forcun ov æ wor. And about midnait æ Blak Dragun, haviņ herd ov æ faitiņ, and būiņ rouzd tu an unwunted pic ov eksaitment, left hiz pales and glaided aloņ in æ sailens ov æ nait until hí ríct æ kamp ov hiz difendurz; and hí infūzd intu ai ofisurz and sól-

jurz ðl æe vairus ov hiz nécur, and mingliþ wia æe raþks hí briád upon æem hiz poiznus and in-toksikétiþ brea, until æer aiz glisnd laik dímunz and æer vénz ærobd wia æe híft ov an unerli fair. And æe madniþ vépur aat ȝot from hiz nos-trilz fild æe tent, hwèr Bóldrobin and hiz dûks wer driþkiþ wain, inspairiþ æem wia æe lust ov venjans. And Dûk Yelwel rézd hiz hand and swór wia a blódi óu aat on æe moró hí wud kut hiz wé intu æe hárt ov æe Fridónian ármí or intu ai infernal ríjuz. And æe rest ap-lóded him and ȝouted émen.

Wia æe dòn ov dé æe despuret strugl wuns mór bigan. And Bóldrobin direkted Yelwel tu atak and brék æe rait wiþ ov æe Fridónian ármí, and æus priþèr æe wé for ai óvurhwelmiþ asolt hwio hí had rizeryd for æe sentur. But Yelwel did not suksíd, and aftur tú æouzand ov hiz wor-yurz had bin smitn ðoun tu æe ground hí sul-enli ȝaaurd up æe remnant and wiadrú. Æe klangur ov batl nou síst and ðl woz kám and kwalet az a sumur sí. But Bóldrobin woz síkret-li konvéiþ hiz grét ȝunz around arú æe forest from æe noru tu æe west, hwèr hí ekspekted tu mék hiz vikturi ȝúr. And æe Normen wer joius, and lait ov hárt, for æé had nó æòt ov æe teribl storm aat woz tu fòl upon æem èr æe dé klózd. And æé ȝaaurd around æer kamp fairz, and brekfasted, and sat ðoun upon æe gras, and méð æemselvz meri, and saþ, soþz. And æe wurdz hwio æé suþ wer áiz:

Osamiz bodi laiz mólduriñ in æ grév,  
Hiz sól iz márciñ on.

Osami'z a sóljur in ai ármí ov æ Lord,  
Hiz sól iz márciñ on.

Osamiz napsak iz strapt upon hiz bak,  
Hiz sól iz márciñ on.

Osamiz musket góz fairiñ awé,  
Hiz sól iz márciñ on.

Osamiz pet lamz wil mít him on æ wé,  
Az aé gó márciñ on.

Nou urí círz for Samuñkl and Fridíma,  
Az wí gó márciñ on.

Æ sonz had daid awé, and æ middé ourz went  
písfuli bai, until æ belz in æ tourz ov Deusburg  
struk urí, hwen sudenli ai Ókn hilz wer ðl aflém,  
and got and gel bigan tu skríð urí ai èr, and æ  
hól atmosfir woz fild wiá flaiiñ misilz bèriñ deo  
on ær wiñz and swípiñ urí æ kamp ov æ Nor-  
men. And aé stárted up in terur, and ær kol-  
umz ríðd aud rokt biníð ai óvurhwelmiñ tempest  
from hwic ær woz nó eskép. Undur æ gýt ov hél  
æt flù hai abuv hiz hed, Dùk Hailand woz sín ka-  
ríriñ akros æ vali, folód klósli bai Lonstep and  
æ hevi batalyuz ov Dùk Stediárm. And hwen  
aé had ríct æ fut ov Sepulkur hil, ær woz a lul  
in æ fairiñ, and ló, æ Dragónianz wer asendiñ  
æ hilsaid and advansiñ wiá flaiiñ banurz tu æ  
cárj. At ais instant a gadó símd tu pas óvur æ  
sun, and æ Normen lukt up and sò a touriñ

form, wia a dim outlain, haviñ ai apírans ov a ain lait kloud, and gépt aftur æ similitûd ov a man, but ov kolosal magnitûd. Its fit apírd tu rest upon æ négunz kapital, hwail its hed ekstended up intu æ blû skai, and woz surrounded wia a héló ov wundrus bûti. Doun its brest flód a loñ silvuri bírd. Its loñ and bóni rait arm, urú hwic æ sunz réz çón fibli, woz street out tórdz æ noru, and held in its grasp æ rizemblans ov a sóljurz musket, from ai end ov hwic flód a zigzag strím ov flektrisiti, pointiñ dounwurdz, laik a béyunet, in æ direkçun ov æ Dragónian hóst. Æ left árm ekstended fár awé tu æ souawest, pointiñ wia a loñ pól, skèrsli dizernabl, tórdz æ lofti spairz ov æ Wiked siti aat lé on æ bañks ov æ Fáaurwotur. For a móment æ sóljurz stud géziñ in wundur at ais strénj spektakl; æen tú or urí kraid out simulténusli, It iz æ góst ov Osami, wia hiz musket and hiz paik! And æ wurd flú from rañk tu rañk, and sún a çout for Osami and Fridíma tór æ welkin laik æ burstiñ ov a gouz-and gundurz. And æ hárts ov æ worryurz grú furm az adamant, and ai flektrik kurent ran aloñ ær nervz, hárdniñ æem intu stíl. And æ fikst evuri man hiz béyunet, in laik manur az æ had sín upon æ skai, and daçt agenst ær enemiz wia a fûri aat nuñiñ kud rizist. Doun went hors and raidur; doun went ármz and banurz. Æ lçunz ov Stediárm wévurd for a móment, and æen dropt on ær níz, hwail æ vikturz swept óvur æem, and róld urú æ vali az æ surjez ov ai óçun ról hwen

taid and tempest bóa pres æm on. And Bóldrob-in, hwen hí sò æe magnitûd ov hiz dizastur, hésnd and got him up intu æe mountenz, and gaard æe remnants ov hiz ármí, and slunk awé wiá hiz más-tur æe Dragun tu æe plés from hwens æé kém.

And æe sém dé Duk Pepurkorn kém out from æe wòlz ov Wikedburg, and prizented himself tu Dùk Granit. And hí gév him æe kí ov æe siti, and surendurd hiz worryrz, æurti æouzand in numbur, and tú hundred grét gunz wiá hwic tu salût æe stári banur ov Fridína on æe koronégun moró.







#### CAPTUR XIV.

**F**LOURIN and glúmi, æ Blak Dragon ri-  
enturd hiz pales and sumund Prins Jefur.  
And hí tóld him ov ðl æ dizasturz aat  
had bifòln ær kòz, and hou hí had sin æ  
góst ov Osami, and had found æ silescal  
wordurz huvuriṇ round æ banurz ov Fri-  
díma, and aat hí dímd it yúsles tu kari  
on æ wor in hūman waiz eni longur. Hí æn  
propózd tu telegraf tu hiz fáaur, hú livd in  
ai vaur planet aat woz lóur doun, and rikwest  
him tu giv æm éd. But for ais purpus it wud  
bí nesesari aat Prins Jefur gud giv himself up,  
and olsó hiz prinsipal ciftenz, tu bí entairli undur  
hiz fáaurz kontról, and to alou æ mesenjurs ov  
hiz fáaur tu entur into æm and mék æm ai in-  
struments ov ær wil, tu wurk out ær objekts in  
ær ón wé. And ðl æ instruments hwio hiz fá-  
aur mait yúz tu kari out hiz purpusez must baind  
æmselvz bai a form obligéçun nevur tu diz-  
ert or rinouns hiz servis, but tu obé him in ðl  
aigs and olwez. And Prins Jefur kounseld wiu  
Lord Júdas and hiz vaur advaizurz, hú wer at  
furst lóu tu baind æmselvz, but fainali konsent-  
ed. Æen æé sent a telegram tu æ Red Dragon

ov Tófet, bai mínz ov æ síkret wairz æt yunaited æ tú planets. And æ hárt ov æ Red Dragun woz múvd wia kompaçun for æ sufuriŋz ov hiz sun, and hí sent of spídili a lŋun ov malignant spirits tu rendur tu æi erædwelurz æ servis and asistans æé nided. And æé kém bai nait and wer introdúst tu Prins Jefur and hiz ministurz; and hwen æé had konsulted, and arénjd æer planz tu múcual satisfakçun, æé divaided æemselves intú bands, and went out tu silekt æer instruments. And it woz agríd æat sum ov æem çud entur intú æe Gógamais, and inògurét a pandimónium in æer siti; uaurz wer tu vizit foren kuntriz and gaaur up ded menz klóaz and òl sorts ov plégz and poiznz and briŋ æem óvur and skatur abròd tu distroi æi inhabitants ov æe land; uaurz wer tu poizn æe woturz and burn æe sitiz; and sum wer tu prosíd tu Snóland, and féniŋ æemselvz tu bí mesenjurz ov pís, kari on æe wor bai mínz ov spaiz and murdururz hú kud straik in síkret. And æe móst despuret ov æem wer provaided wia infernal maçínz bai hwic æé mait distroi æe kiŋ in hiz pales and hiz kounselurz in æer bedcémburz. Æe cíf ov æíz woz Gaifòks, a dímnun hú in a formur éj undurtuk tu bló up æe párliment ov Bulia wia hiz daiabolikal kontraivansez, but féld; hí had nou grón waizur in hiz kraft and woz aŋkçus tu trai hiz hand wuns mór.

Æe furst ekshibiçun ov æe nú mód ov worfer woz méd in Gógam, upon hwic a skwodren ov ívl spirits méd æer disent about æe midl ov æe

muna Július. And æ siti woz sudenli fild wia Kóbraz hisin out ær venum; and meni ov æ Grínailurz wer bitn bai æm, and aóz aat wer bitn went mad, and ran hieur and aieur, burnin houzez and stónin æ wocurz ov æ siti. And hwen-evur æ sò eni ov æ Kuçanz æ gév cés, and stónd æm wia stónz, and bít æm wia klubz, and huñ æm up in æ strits, and hakt and húd æm in písez and burnd æm. And æ cíf rúlur, húz ném woz Gudsímur, spók kaindli tu æ dimóniaks and kumforted æm; and æ gouted for Gudsímur and Bóldrobin, and for Prins Jefur and æ Dragun, and ær goutingz and raivingz rizounded arú æ siti for arí déz. And hwen æ kinz ofisurz wer awèr ov it, æ sent ær armed bandz tu asist æ wocurz, and æ slú and disperst æ men intu húm æ findz had enturd, and rikuvurd æ siti, aat it mait agen bikum a séf abód for húman inhabitants.

And æ aat kém up from æ lóur planet bròt wia æm paturnz ov æ priznz and templhouzez in Helham, hwèr æ Red Dragun rizaided. And ær woz a fémus templ aat stud on æ gór kòld Nástrond, aat iz bai interpretégun Deastrand, æ wòlz ov hwic wer bilt ov adurz. Æ fésez ov aíz serpents wer turnd inwurd, and from ær mouaz iqud strímz ov poizn, formin a rivur aat flód arú æ vast strukcur. Kwín Hela woz æ godes aat prizaided óvur it, and woct æ priznurz sent tu hur for séf kípin. Æ arón upon hwic qí sat woz angwiq; hur tébl woz famin; hur atendants wer

Ekspektégun and Dilé; hur bed woz línnes; gí woz livid and gastli pél, and hur veri luks in-spaird horur. And æ Red Dragon had givn strikt cárj tu Rufwind and Wurstovòl, tú ov hiz móst skilful dímunz, aat æ gud konstrukt for him a templ in Sunland on æ sém plan, só fár as praktikabl, wiæ hwot matírialz æé kud faínd in æ kuntri, and aat æé gud fil it wiæ Fridónianz, ov hím wun hundred wer tu bí sakrifaid evuri dé.

And Rufwind and Wurstovòl, aftur konsult-iñ wiæ Prins Jefur, silekted from hiz ármí tú Dragónianz aat wer admirabli adapted tu æer purpus, wun ov hím woz a jenural and ai vaur a fiziçun. And æé tuk pozeçun ov æer bodiz and spirits, and infüzð æemselvz intu æer nécur until pozesur aud pozest bikém wun and æ sém bññ. And æé méð æer furst eksperiments undur Prins Jefurz ón ai, at Ríemantoun, hwèr æé fited up a Liburtipen and Æunderhous, and fild æem wiæ vik-timz for sakrifaz. But hwen æ Blak Dragon had egzamind æe bildiñs hí woz disatisfaid, for hí sæð æé wer skèrsli íkwál tu æe dunjunz for æe Kuçanz hwic wer bilt bai æer ón pípl. Æen Prins Jefur advaizd wiæ æe dímunz, and æé silekted a plés kòld Dedmansvil, on æe bañks ov Deastrím, hwèr æé aòt æé kud prodús a faksimili ov Helaz ón pales. Só Rufwind márkt out hiz ground, and drú hiz dedlain, and kolekted òl ai adurz and ratlsnéks hí kud faínd, and bilt æem up intu æe wòl, wiæ æer fésez lukiñ inwurd, sò aat

æ mait pór ær venum upon æ recez kongrigé-  
 ted wiain. And hí had houndz laik æ houndz  
 ov Hela bárkiñ round about, redi tu síz and tèr  
 eni aat gud atempt tu eskép. And hwen Ruf-  
 wind had komplited æ wòl, hí lukt upon it wiá  
 a dilaited kountenans, and laft for joi, and sed  
 hí wud bí ov mór servis tu Prins Jefur aan òl  
 ai ármiz ov Bóldrobin. And æ kòt ærti æouz-  
 and Fridónianz and dróv æem intu ai enklójur,  
 and Rufwind stript æem ov æer klóaiñ, and  
 Wurstovòl, hú woz æ doktor, tuk cárij ov æer  
 fud and medisín. Só hí gév æem stárvégun for  
 æer mít, and poizn for æer driñk. And æ poizn  
 went down intu æer blud, and fild æem wiá pûtrid  
 sórz, and æ lé rotiñ in flæ and vermin until æ  
 stenc spred óvur æ hól ríjun, and woz bórn on  
 æe windz til it ríct æe noræurn hilz and enturd æe  
 nostrilz ov Samuñkl. And Wurstovòl mingld  
 wiá hiz medisínz sum síkret cárm, bai hwic hí  
 drú out æe fleç from undur æe skin ov hiz priz-  
 nurz, só aat æe bónz huñ lúsli az in a bag, and  
 æe múvd and toturd in a manur aat woz hor-  
 ibl tu bihóld. And æe doktor wud mék æe skel  
 etunz get up and dans bifór him for hiz amúz-  
 ment, and hwen æe kud not raiz hí wud æretn  
 æem wiá nú torments until æe did. And æe púr  
 krícurz bikém dílirius, and æe fòt wiá íc uaur,  
 and dizaird tu dai, but kud not, for Wurstovòl  
 woz kèrful tu prizerv æer laivz until æe taim for  
 sakrifaiziñ æem tu hiz mástur. Æe numbur aat hí  
 sakrifaizd woz fiftín æouzand, and æe uaur fiftín

rouzand hí kept alaiv az subjekts for hiz eksperi-  
ments.

And æe dímunz aat went intu Snóland tuk poz-  
egun ov Sandadur and Klékóbra, and uaur ser-  
pentin nékurs, and æe sent of æer emisariz tu  
brék ópn æe góld vòltz in æe Grínhílz, and tu  
burn æe siti ov Gógam wia fair, and tu kapcur  
Rickárgó and Baisntoun and Swainsiti, and tu  
ket a paæ urú æe midst ov Kíñ Magnus' domin-  
yunz and sevr æe west from ai íst. And a  
hóst ov rufianz wer sturd up uríout Norland, and  
æe apointed Vandalhamur, and Swinpendulum,  
and Lonkóbra for æer lídurz, and gaaurd grét stór  
ov ármz, and uturd sweliñ and touriñ wurdz,  
and imajind aat wia æer nû helpurz æe wud bí  
ébl tu dipóz æe kíñ and establiq a Dragónian  
dainasti húz rén çud bí purpecual.

And hwen æe kíñ and hiz kounselurz and æe  
waiz men ov æe land sò æe blud and kárnej, and  
æe blak æunder-kloudz gaauriñ on ðl saidz, and  
pursívd olsó aat æe prinsez and eiftenz ov Bulia  
and Galia wer in síkret líg wia æe Dimónianz,  
and hwen æe herd æe wéliñz ov æe waivz and  
muaurz ov aóz aat wer pent up in Dedmansvil,  
æe wer fild wia biturnes and grónd binía æer bur-  
dnz and risponsibilitiz. - And wun ov æe waiz  
men ov Gógam hí aat woz kòld Tribúnosofur,  
rót tu æe kíñ and tóld him aat æe pípl kud nó  
longur endûr æer soróz, and aat hí must in sum  
wé endeuvur tu mék píis wia æe Dragon bifór it  
çud bí wurs wia æem aan it woz æen. Hí æerfór

advaizd æe kiŋ aat bai wé ov góin æe Dragun dū onur and rispekt, hí ġud bild for him a brij kuvurd wiæ góld, and invait him tu wòk awé upon it, and pas óvur tu sum vaur gór; and hwen hí had gon óvur, æe brij ġud bí brókn up, and æe góld ġivn tu him bai wét, akordiŋ tu æe royal standard, twenti ȝouzand ġekelz twenti ȝouzand taimz tóld. But æe propózal féld tu indikét a spot hwèr æi vaur end ov æe brij mait rest, and æe kiŋ nū aat æe Blak Dragun woz tú sagéȝus tu márc of intu æe sí wiæout bfiŋ ġúr ov obténiŋ a solid futiŋ in sum vaur riȝen. Bisaidz, hí uòt æe Dragun had kost æe kuntri enuf olredi, wiæout oftriŋ him eni furæur bountiz.

And Sandadur and hiz asóciéts, hú wer ful ov sutlti, rót tu æe Tribúnosofur tu intersíd for æem, and prokûr æem an òdiens wiæ æe kiŋ. And æe invaited him tu vizit æem in Snóland tu help forwurd æe wurk ov píis and kompromaiz, só aat òl mait bí hármónius agen az bifór; for æe nū aat bfiŋ an onest man hí woz unsuspiȝus ov gail in vaurz, and æerfór wud bí æe mór ízili entangld in æer snèrz. For bfiŋ anȝȝus aat evuri uin in æe yúnivers ġud bí ġud and plezant, and ful ov bin-evolens laik himself, hí woz lóu tu biliv aat ívl egzisted in eni wurld eksept hwèr hí sò it wiæ hiz aiz; and hí kud not bí purswéded aat æe Blak Dragun had a fáaur, or aat æer woz eni Red Dragun, hú livd in a lóur sfiŋ and sent out hiz emisariȝ on erandz ov miscif. Hí æerfór did not hezitét tu aksept æe invitéȝun ov æe daiabóli-

anz, and wia æ kinz purmiçun went tu vîzit æm. Aé, supóziñ ai our ov æ négunz agoni woz nai, had sited æmselvz on æ brinç ov æ Naiagoni katarakt, and wer dilaitiñ æmselvz wia géziñ up-on its imejez ov distrúkçun. And hwen aé sò æ Tribûnosofur apróciñ aé smaild upon him agríabli, and hí woz plízd wia ær smúa wurdz. But æ kiñ woz ankçus. for him, firíñ lest hí mait bí unwéri and bikum a viktim tu ær dûplisiti. Só hi sent a mesenjor tu put an end tu æ konfurens, and æ filosofur riturnd in séfti tu hiz hóm. And hí kontinyud tu dú æ kiñ gud servis, and hí spók tu æ pípl wurdz ov wizdum, and enkurejd æm tu bí stron for æ wor, until æ Blak Dragun çud konsent tu kwit æ kuntri.

But æ kiñ and Fridíma had méd up ær maindz at hwotevur distres mait bitaid, nó furr konseçun or kompromaiz çud bí ofurd tu æ Blak Dragun, nor wud aé furniç a singl silvur'iñ, íaur tu brij æ mortifikéçun ov hiz dipárcur, or tu bild a monyument for hiz grév.







## CAPTUR XV.

**I**TERMIND at last tu krug out æ laif ov æ Dragon and waip him from æ fés ov æ planet or dai in æ atemt, Kiñ Magnus adrest himself tu æ wor in earnest. And amuñ ðl hiz jenuralz hí found nun íkwal tu Dûk Granit; for olaó ær wer meni loftiur and mór majestik worryurz in hiz servis, and aóz hú kud fait betur in æ beginiñ ov a batl, ær woz nó wun hú stud só írekt in ai end. For hí woz laik a rok in ai ógun aat luks ðl æ freður and fêrur for æ surj- ez aat swíp óvur it. And æ kiñ sent for him tu kum and fait Bóldrobin, húm hiz uaur jenuralz had aloud tu slip arú ær fingurz and eskép af- tur æ had konkurd him twais.

But bifór hí left æ ríjunz ov æ Fáaurwotur, Dûk Granit klírd æ canel ov æ Twinsí ðl æ wé up tu æ mountenz; and hí dróv æ Dragónianz out ov Çadóinúk, and cést æm up tu æ top ov æ Lukóvur mounten, hwèr æ difaid him tu ríc æm. And Horntosur woz sent tu asél æm and draiv æm down. And hí went up and fòt æm on æ sumit, for it woz abuv æ kloudz; and ær hí found Gréthrag, and hí struk him wia æ tip ov hiz horn and tost him down æ presipisez.

And hí went rólin óvur and óvur until at last hí fel intu æ Cikenmokin bruk, hwic servd tu kúl hiz árdur sumhwot, and tu diminið hiz brag and bløstur. And Brékinbrij woz wia him, and hí ol-só brók doun and fel intu æ strím. And Dûk Granit left Çúrman and Horntosur tu luk aftur æ brókn fragments ov Grétbragz ármí hwail hí went tu sí æ kin.

And æ kin risívd him wia onur, and méð him eif kapten ov ðl hiz armiz, íst, west, noru and souu; and hí köld upon Samuñkl for faiv hundred lþunz mór ov freð worryuz. And hí iðud hiz sumunz tu æ Kuçanz, bidiñ æm rali undur æ Fridónian flag, and fait for æmselvz and for ær kuntri. And æ kém bai hundredz and bai souz-andz, hwèrever æ kinz invitègun ríct æm, and ígurli joind æ ranks ov ær dilivuruz. And æ grét gunz ov Samuñkl bigan tu æundur and laitn ðl round æ horaizun. And Dûk Kilmór wévd hiz simitur alon ai ísturn kóst, and Dulgrín, a sun ov ai ógun, woz sent wia çips and flótiñ tourz tu éd him in rikuvuriñ Stónipail kasl, and in æ kapcur ov Corlztoun, æ orijinal den hwèr æ ratlsnéks wer hact. And æ sent intu æ siti ær fairi mes-enjurz and ær swompénjelz, and baturd doun æ wòlz ov Stónipail and méð it a rúin, but æ dèrd not entur it for fir ov æ serpents aat wer kon-síld amuñ æ roks and rubiç.

And hwen æ sprin ópnd, Dûk Granit tuk up æ gántlet aat Bóldrobin had urón doun, and márcet alon æ lain ov advans aat Dúitwel and Miklmakl,

Burniþbrand, Horntosur and Huniwotur had bin unébl tu foló. And hí tuk æ lain in hiz hand, and tóld æ kíp hí gud not let gó until hí ríct ai end ov it, if it tuk him ðl somur. And hí invaited Fridíma tu akumpani ai ármí; só gí went alon wia æm. And hwen hí had kum tu æ Waildwudz at lé biyond æ Rapidrun rivur, hí found æ wudz fild wia æ worryurz ov Bóldrobin, a nú and maiti ármí, hwic ær lídur dímd invinsibl. And æ fáird upon æ Fridónianz from kops and aiket, and cárjd upon æm, and fòt fírsli for tú déz. And ær wer slén and wúnded on íc said about ten uouzand men. And at nait æ Dragónianz ritaird from æ Waildwudz tu æ Spotwudz, hwèr ær wer fain spots ov ópn plén konvínent for faitiþ. And ær æ tú ármz agen joinð batl, and fòt for siks déz longur. And wia ðl hiz skil and proues, and ðl æ síkret help æ Dragun kud rendur him, Bólðrobin woz unébl tu gék æ roki furnnes ov hiz antagonist. And Dûk Granit prest onwurd, and krost æ Cikenominus swomps, and sat doun wia hiz ármí tu bisj æ stronþhóldz ov Riemantoun, in laik manur az hí had bisjð and konkurd Wikedburg.

And Fridíma woz impégent, and gí sed, Let mí gó intu æ hárt ov Sunland, and kòl out æ Kuganz tu fait for us, and wí wil hav æ spídiur viktori, and çal not hav tu beri só meni ov mai fáaurz sóljurz, for it siknz mí tu sí æ slòtur. And aftur konsiduriþ hur rikwest for a dé and a nait hí formð hiz plan and sent hur wia an e s

kort tu Dûk Çúrman, hú woz faitiñ Stónijon in æ Gorjusland, and direkted him tu asist hur, and tu risiv and enkurej ðl æ Kuçanz çí mait briñ him. And Çúrman klósli skrútinaizd hur kriden-çalz, for hí woz afréd çí wud giv him trobl. But hwen hí sò hur kwínli bèriñ, and hou majestik-ali çí unfurld æ traikulurd banur, and hou æ worryurz çouted az çí past bifór æm, hiz admiré-çun woz kindld, and hí ofurd tu gó hwèrevur çí wud point æ wé. Æen Fridíma kast hur ai tórd ai ísturn sí, and çí tóld him aat hí must kut a swòr arú æ hól breda ov æ Dragunz domin-yunz, and bèr glad taidiñz ov dilivurans tu æ wéstiñ skeletunz in Dedmanzvîl, and swíp aloñ ai óçun çór til hí kud join handz wið hiz feló worryurz at Riemantoun. And Dûk Çúrman sed, It is wel; æ díd iz a despuret wun, but it çal bí dun. And hí lifted himself up tu ai okéçon, and hí tuk a hundred ñouzand worryurz in hiz trén and bigan hiz márc. And hí went óvur æ moun-ten rijeç, draiviñ æ líjunz ov Stónijon bifór him, and æ ground çuk biníç æ tred of hiz worryurz az if an erukwék had bin pasiñ. And Dûk Big-upólk, æ grét Dragónian sóldoktur, met æm am-uñ æ Painz ov æ mouneten, and ær hí woz slén. And hwen Stónijon kud nó longur stand in batl, Dûk Naithud, a fúrius and despuret worryur, in naitli ármor, kém out tu mît æm, and bár ær en-trans intu æ Gétsiti. And hí fòt arí batlz and woz diskumfited, and ær fel ov hiz worryurz twen-ti ñouzand men. And hí fel bak çagrind and

krestfðln, and left æ spégus plénz ov Gorjusland tu æ mersi ov æ konkurur. And hwen Dûk Çúrman had past arú æ Gétisiti, hí kut asundur hiz lainz ov konekçun wiá æ west, and spred hiz winz for ai óçun. And ai ígl skrímd, and Fridíma tuk hur plés in æ van, and çí put on hur gárment ov red, hwait and blú, and a kroun woz upon hur hed, and æ drumz and trumpeçs struk up ær viktórius ançemz bai hur said. And æ ród çí travelð woz bijemd wiá budz and blos-umz, and hwèrevur çí advencurd tu put æ sól ov hur fut upon æ ground, freç blúmiñ rózez spran up biníá it; and æ sprin flourz ov æ noravurn prériz sponténivusli burst forú óvur ðl æ savanaz ov Gorjusland. And æ Kuçanz kém out tu mít hur wiá soñz and dansez; wiá ær waivz and litl wunz æ krouded around hur tu kis æ frinjez ov hur stár-spangld rób; and níavur urets nor entrítiz kud turn æm bak from folóin hur. And hwen æ Dragónianz sò æ kroun æt woz upon hur hed, æ tremblð and çruñk from hur géz; and ær dûks and prinsez kud not faind a singl worryur æt dèr opóz æ márc ov æ viktórius ármi só loñ az çí woz at its hed. And æ vaipuri wòlz ov Dedmansvil fel down, and Wurstovòl and hiz wocmen fled hiaur and aiaur tu sík for haidin plésez hwèr æ mait not mít æ glans ov hur ai.

And hwen Dûk Çúrman bigan tu nír ai íóçun, and æ sound ov hiz trumpeturz róld aloñ æ Savanaz æt lé on æ kóst, Dûk Hárdihud, hú stud sentinel in æt kwortur, lost hiz fortitâd and hiz

hárdnes, and hiz nervz grú limp and laks laik a wumanz; and hí gaaurd up hiz líjnz bai nait, and fled for refûj tu Cúrlztoun. But æ mûzik and trampin ov æ Fridónian ármí folód him aiaur olsó; só hí set fair tu æ siti and ran for hiz laif. And Fridíma enturd æ siti and wòkt urú æ stríts, and æ men ov Cúrlztoun grú jentl and kém out tu salút hur; and hwen æé sò hur æé bikém kaptivéted wia hur luvlines, and tuk an óa aat æé wud wurcip æ Dragun nó mór.

And hwen æ Dragun sò aat Dùk Granit had klóslí çut him up on wun said, and aat Çúrman and Fridíma wer presin him hárd on ai uaur, and wud sún kut of hiz ónli lain ov ritrit, hí bigan tu pursív aat hiz our woz at leŋa kum. And hí róld and raied in agoni, and æ purspiréçun guçt out from biníç hiz glosi skélz, and hí kud get nó slíp at naits, and hí had spazmz and kontorçunz aat wer dredful tu bihóld. Çlen Jefur and Bóldrobin, sfiŋ hou æ glóri ov æèr aidul woz di-párted, konklúded tu lív him tu hiz fét and luk ónli tu æ séfti ov æmselvz and æèr ármiz. And it woz disaieded aat Bóldrobin çud gó out and giv batl tu Dùk Granit, and íf dífted æé wud æen abandun æ pales and kapital, and mék æèr wé sougward urú æ mountenz. Só Bóldrobin went out tu Hacet bruk, and æèr hí met hiz konçur-urz, and æé mód down hiz worryurz and ród bak and foru urú æèr rauks and slòturd æem wia a grét slòtor. And Dùk Hailand woz slén, and Yelwel woz surrounded and tékn. And Bóldrobin

turnd hiz fés tu æ mountenz, but æ kavalri ov Flitçerif wer on hiz trak, and hí kud turn níaur tu æ rait hand nor tu æ left. And hwen hí sò ai advansiñ ármi ov Dùk Granit klóziñ around him, hiz jujment and hiz rízn riturnd, and hí rézd æ hwait banur and went out tu mít hiz advursari. And hí tuk of hiz helmet and plûmz, and méd hiz salutégun and prizented hiz wepn tu Dùk Granit; and Dùk Granit tuk him bai æ hand, and æ hacet woz berid.

And ær stil riménd Dùk Stónijon and forti gouzand Dragónian woryurz wociñ on æ banks ov æ Fírful rivur for ai apróc ov Çúrman and Fridíma. And híriñ ov æ dizastur ov Bóldrobin hí turnd himself tu flai, but Dùk Çúrman stud in hiz pañ; and hwen hí sò ær woz nó eskép, hí ol-só urú down hiz hacet at æ fit ov æ koñkurur, and æ berid it ær. And æ sóljurz ov æ tú ármiz agèn bikém brucurz, and danst tugeaur biníæ æ kiñz nú banur, intu æ tekseur ov hwic æ ném ov Fridíma had bin inwóvn.

And æ Dragun, hwen hí found aat Bóldrobin and Stónijon had forsékn him, bít hiz forhed and laçt himself wia hiz tél; and hiz attendants fled, aínkiñ hí wud stiñ himself tu dea laik a skorpiun. And hí disapírd from hiz pales in æ nait, glaid-iñ of intu æ wudz tu haid himself, and hí riturnd tu hóid hiz kórt ær nó mór. And æ kiñ went down tu sí hwot had bikum ov him, and hí found hiz pales emti. And hí egzamind æ dunjunz and cénz and æ instruments ov torceur hwic æ grizli

tairant had left bihaind him; and hí ópnd æ géts ov æ Liburtipenz and Gundurhouzez and bròt out æ kaptivz.

Nor woz Prins Jefur tu bí found at hiz óld habitégun; for on æ dé hwen Bóldrobin prizen-  
ted himself tu Dûk Granit, hwic woz a hólí dé, hí herd æ taidiņz az hí sat wurçipiņ in a Dragó-  
nian templ, and hí róz up héstili and fled. And hí went swiftli tórd æ suaur sî, hópiņ tu faind sum Bulian vesel in hwic tu mék hiz eskép. But hí woz hemd in bai æ sóljurz ov æ kiņ aat wer evuri hwèr skouriņ æ kuntri. And hwen hí pursívd æ kés hí woz in, and had kum tu ai end ov hiz wits, and nú not hwot furæur tu dú, hí rézd wun last and pitius prèr tu æ fáaur ov æ Blak Dragon húz servant hí had bin; and ai óld disívr kompaçunéted him, and cénjd him intu a wuman, and klad hur wiæ fimél aparel, só aat çí mait not bí nón. But hí neglekted tu rimúv hur sandalz, hwic wer stroņ and servisabl, and hwic çí wiçt tu ritén. And wun morniņ az çí woz wòkiņ out wiæ hur milkpél upon hur árm, çí sò aat æ gras woz dûi, and réziņ hur dres tu kíp it from getiņ wet, hur sandalz wer diskuvurd bai sum sóljurz aat wer pasiņ aat wé. And æ aprihended hur and bid hur konfes tu æm hú çí woz. And çí wud not ansur, but tóld æm æé òt tu bí açémd tu mék wor upon wimin. And æ sóljurz wud lisn tu nó entrítiz, but in spait ov hur struglz karid hur of tu ær ofisurz, bai húz ordurz çí woz lojd in a prizn.





## CAPTUR XVI

**U**LDÓ æe Dragónian ármiz wer nou disbandet, and æe konflikt tu ðl outwurd apírans klózd, yet æe dímunz stil lingord tu kari out æer findiç malevolens, and wer dítérminð not tu yíld az loŋ az æer woz a singl instrument leſt tu dú æer biðiŋ. And Gaifðoks, æe móst kraſti and ðeríŋ ov æem ðl, enturð intu a Búa æat woz nír a afatur, not fár from æe pales, and æer hí léð hiz planz for æe kíŋz dístruŋgun. For hí hað bròt up wíç him from ai uaur planet an aró, húz point hað bin dípt in æe wotur ov ðea, and its çaft woz wíŋð wíç æe feaur ov sertenti. And hí sòt oportúnití tu eksplód it agenst æe boði ov æe kíŋ. And hí konsultet wíç ai uaur emisariŋ ov Prins Jefur, æat wer in Norland and Snóland, and aóŋ æat wer in Midlland, nír tu æe royal siti. And hí sílektet for his kówurkurz Pourfulpén, and Héstíroŋ, and Çírat and Cailðharóld, and Sekundárnulð, and Mudpílz, and Láſŋŋfínd. And Çírat ínvaítet æem naithi tu baŋkwet in a spéçus kavurn nír æe kíŋz pales, hwèr æe Dragun woz síkrítet. And æer æé konkoktet helbroŋ and fed æe Dragun, and nuriçt hiz hóps æat hí maít yet hurl

Magnus Mahárba from hiz arón and get pozeğun ov æ kinđum. And æé méd for æemselvz eks-plósiv maçínz and misilz ov dea, and çárpnd æè dagurz, and asaind tu íc aktur hiz párt in æ dráma æé wer about tu purform. For æé purpust tu distroi æ kin and hiz lordz and Dúk Granit òl at æ sém móment, só æat æé mait ruz intu æ pales amid æ konfújun and konsturnéğun ov æ pípl, and fíks æ Dragun só furmli upon æ arón æat hí kud not bí displést.

And hwail æi enemiz ov æ kin wer plotiņ hiz distrukğun, wun ov æ hevni wocurz kém tu him in a vijun ov æ nait, and pénted on hiz brén, az hí woz slípiņ, a dízmal pikcur ov blud and hor-urz; and hwen hí awók æ pikcur woz stíl klír and distiņkt. And in æ morniņ hiz frendz kém tu vizit him, and æé sò æat hiz fés woz pél, and æ form ov hiz vizej disturbd. And hí tóld æem hiz drím, and hou hí had sín an óğun ov blud, and himself swimiņ æèrin. And æ wocur æat had pénted æ drím had hwispuð in hiz ír æat æ grét dráma woz tu klóz at æi end ov fór yírz from æ taim it bigan; and æat æi óğun ov blud woz in rikwaital ov æ roņz đun tu æ Kuçanz; and æat for evuri drop dròn bai æ laç æer must bí anuður dròn bai æ sórd; and hwotevur woz wontiņ tu mék æ rekompens perfekt must bí kanseld bai æ blud ov a kostli sakrifaiz. And æ kinz advaizurz went out and konsulted tugeaur praivetli, and sòt tu vnderstand æ drím, but æé kud faind nun æat woz ébl tu divain æi interpreté-

gun. Yet aé dímd it æ hárbínjur ov ívl; and aé plést a strop gárd around æ pales bai wé ov prikðgun, and antur tu woc æ kíñz persun. And aé kompúted æ taim ov fór yírz from æ komensment ov æ wor, hwen æ kíñz flag woz tórñ down from Stónipail kasl, and aé found æ píriud wud end on æ fórtíng ov ai Ópnril munz, hwic woz æ dé ov Gudsakrifaiz. And aé sed, Let us mék it a glád and joiful dé, and a dé for æ selebrégun ov pís and viktori, and for ai unforlíñ ov banurz, and for órégunz and ilúminégunz; and peradventeur æ çadó wil pas of from æ kíñz maind. And aé krévd purmiçun ov æ kíñ tu unfurl ai óld banur from æ sumit ov Stónipail kasl on ai aniversari ov its furst dizonor. And æ kíñ woz plízd, and gév komand tu hiz worryurz, and on æ ívniñ ov Gudsakrifaiz dé æ stár-spangld banur wuns mór wévd óvur æ rúinz ov æ kasl, and æ kanun pórd fóru ær joiful salút.

And æ sém ívniñ æ kíñ woz sitiñ in a pléhous, hwèr aé had purswéded him tu gó aat hí mait çek of æ burdn ov hiz kèrz. And just az æ rór ov æ gunz around Stónipail kasl proklémd æ klóziñ ov æ grét dráma, Gaifòks and ai vaur dímunz hú asisted him hésted tu purform ær párts in æ konklúdiñ sín. And aé krept stelaili intu æ pléhous hwèr æ kíñ had enturd, and az hí línd forwurd unsuspektiñli tu obzerv ai aktiñ ov æ pléurz, ai aró aat woz pointed wia dea and wiñd wia æ feaur ov sertenti struk him in æ bak ov hiz hed, and hí fel tu æ flór unkongus. And Gaifòks

spraŋ up from bihaind æ kiŋ, fluriŋiŋ hiz dagur and ȝoutiŋ in ai írz ov ðl æ pípl aat hí had slén a tairant. And hí lípt upon æ stéj, and out at æ dór, and woz gon. And æ sém our ov æ nait Pourfulpén enturd æ cémbur ov Lord Síwor-dur, hú woz laiŋ on a sik bed, and hí smót him and wud hav kild him, but æ silescał gárdianz arú ær ȝildz óvur him and worded of æ blóz.

And æ kiŋz servants rimúvd him tu a praivet cémbur and léd him doun tu dai. And hiz lordz and æ aat luvd him, and Fridíma, stud around hiz bed, and woct him until æ morniŋ. And bi-kòz hiz vaitaliti woz stron, æ kiŋ lingurd in hiz daiŋ, and æ bodi and spirit strugld in ær un-klaspiŋ. And hwen æ sunlait lukt in at æ win-dó, æ wíri arobiŋ síst; and æ kiŋ gév up hiz ȝóst, and it bikém disentangld from its ataments, and flóted upwurd tu dwel wið ai imortalz. And Fridíma put hur lips tu æ kiŋz klé, and kist hiz kóld fés, and ȝí sed, Alas, alas, aat æou ȝudst dai for mí! For if æou hadst not pitid ais soróful caild, and tékn hur párt hwen ær woz nun els aat kud dilivur hur, æou maitest stil hav livd, pourful and onurd amuŋ æ kiŋz ov ai eru, and mai púr ném wud hav periȝt from æ memuri ov men. And ȝí kuvurd hur fés, and pórd fóra hur angwiȝ in a torent ov tírz.

And a vois ov wéliŋ went up from æ royal siti, and it spred and inkríst in volyum az it róld óvur æ land. And ðl æ gé sitiz wer sud-enli drépt in æ wídz ov mórnŋ; and æ sun

grú dárk and glúmi; and æ wordurz ov æ skai strect ær kloudz ov krép óvur æ pilurz ov ai íst and west; and a pòl woz spred óvur æ mounten tops and óvur æ lóli véiz, and òl æ tríz ov æ for-est wer frinjð wia fúnúrial taslz; and men spók not for horur, and evuri puls pòzd in its bítiñ, az if æ krak ov dúm had sounded from a klír skai.

And hwen æ terur had abéted, a krai ov ven-jans aróz on ai èr, and æ Blak Dragon herd it in hiz haidiñ plés. And hí at wuns komprihen ded aat ær woz nó den só dárk, nó gulf só díp, nó mounten só hai, az tu giv him a kwalet rest-iñ plés on æ planet hwèr hí had dun ais díð. Só hí put on dárknes for hiz kuvuriñ, and kém out ov hiz hól, and gríkt a waíld grík tu sumun æ dímunz aat çud akumpani him on hiz dipáreur. And hí rézd up hiz lofti form, and spred hiz pin-yunz for æ hóm ov hiz fáaur; and æ móld ov oblivion setld on hiz wiñz az æ disapírd .biníæ æ gundurkloudz aat skurted hiz dounwurd wé.

And Samuñkl sent out hunturz tu sere for æ men aat had enturténd æ dímunz, and had bin ær instruments in æ murdur ov æ kiñ. And hwen æ had kòt æm, æ hand æm up tu dai in æ sait ov æ mórníñ and angrí hevz. But æ kud not kil æ dímunz aat had instigéted aíz recez; for æ had gon out ov æ men and abandund æm tu ær fét, az sún az æ had nó furaur servis for æm tu purform.

Nou ær woz in aat kuntri a masiv and lofti kolum, on hwic it woz æ wunt ov História tu

rikord æ némz ov dipárted híróz and stétsmen, and òl æ grét and gud aat wer dizerviṅ ov ri membrans. It woz piramidal in form, and vast in dimenṡunz, and æ kloudz rested on its sumit. And aftar æ multitúdz had riturnd from vûiṅ æ kiṅz korps, æ gaurd around æ monyument tu witnes ai inskraibiṅ ov hiz ném. And História tuk hur longest ladur, and set it up agenst æ said ov æ kolum, and æ wocd hur az gí asended; and Fridíma klaimd up aftar hur tu sí hwèr gí wud put æ ném ov hur févurit. And hwail gí woz pasiṅ óvur æ spot hwèr æ némz wer móst aikli ritn, æ pípl gézd intentli, ekspektiṅ evuri móment aat gí wud stop and bigin. But gí went on and on, until gí had left æ vast kroud ov stétsmen and worryurz binia hur fit. And gí past æ loṅ lain ov kiṅz, Kiṅ Adam and Kiṅ Jefur, and Kiṅ Andrá, and Kiṅ Adam ben Adam, hú bifrended Fridíma in hur caildhud, and Osami æ mártur, and òl æ filanaropists and márturz aat had givn ær laivz tu æ welfèr ov ær rés. And hwen æ pípl sò aat gí stil kept asendiṅ, æ gév a loud çout, for æ æn undurstud aat it woz a grét and nóbl kiṅ aat had past awé from amvṅ æm. Nou ær woz ritn, fár up and distiṅkt from æ rest, just undur æ kloudz, a singl ném, in lárj karakturz, yet skèrsli vizibl for æ distans; æ ném woz

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And æ wocd História as gí fikst hur ai upon æ spot; and Fridíma klósli folód hur. And hwen gí had ríct æ plés, gí tuk from hur gurd an ai-

urn stail, and plést hur hand on æ rok tu rait, just biná æ solitari ném. And hwail æ multitûd wer çoutiñ, and bifór æ rok woz pírst, Fridíma spók and sed, Mai sister, dú yú rimembur æ fór milyunz ov liburéted Kuçanz? And História dropt hur aiz, and riménd for a móment in æt, æen stept upon æ nekst round, and plésiñ hur fingurz just óvur æi éngent leturz, bigan tu kárv æ rok wiá a klír bóld strók. And ðl æ pípl wer amézd and konfounded, for it woz a fikst bilíf ov ðl æ men ov æi Oksident æat nó ném kud evur bí ritn abuv æat ov æ fáaur ov hiz kuntri. But hwen História wiadrú hur hand, and æé sò æ ném ov

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and nú æat it woz ritn for ðl taim, in karakturz endûriñ az æi iternal hilz, æer mainds wer ilûmin-éted, and æé sò wiá nú aiz, and æer çoutiñz wer céyjd tu tírz ov glad and wunduriñ ímóçun, and æé klaspt æer handz in prèr, and gév aauks tu æ God ov hevni æat hí had aloud æem tu luk upon æ fés ov só nóbl a kiñ and mártur, æ dilivurur and sévyur ov hiz kuntri.

And Samvñkl and ðl æ pípl embámd æe bodi ov Kiñ Magnus Mahárba, and léd it in a túm; and hiz memuri æé embámd in æer afekçunz. And æe néçunz ov æi Órient mórnd and lamented him; and æe Viktórius kwín ov Bulia tuet æe bárp ov soró; and æé kòld him bai æe ném ov Mahárba æe Gud. And Kiñ Andrá æe Sekund rénd in hiz sted.



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È	è	bèar	S	s	sóul
É	é	véil	T	t	tróble
F	f	fòunght	U	u	mermur
G	g	guess	U	ü	put
H	h	head	Ú	ú	rúle
I	i	pítiful	Û	û	súe
Í	í	fielð	V	v	verse
J	j	joint	W	w	wicked
J	j	bijou	X	x	Xristos
K	k	kindred	Y	y	yóuman
L	l	aíde	Z	z	zealous

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